



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

All are Welcome!

June 2021

In-person worship services start on June 6, 9:30am

The Deacons and Pastor Kerry have announced our return to in-person worship, beginning on June 6. We will continue with summer hours and begin at 9:30am.

June 6 is a communion Sunday and we have self contained sacraments with juice and bread. I understand we just need to figure out how to open the packets!

will be nice enough to visit in the church yard.

The Deacons will continue to watch the Covid numbers and react as necessary should there be any concerns. Please know that everyone's safety is the primary concern.

Masks and social distancing are recommended. We will keep a list for contact tracing, but will not be taking temperatures. If you don't feel well, please stay home and take care of yourself.

We also plan to Zoom the service, if you are unable to attend.

There will be no coffee in the parish hall, but hopefully the weather



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2ccWilton.org



Invite a
Friend to Church
Sundays
9:30 am



Town Meeting volunteers and donations needed

2CC will be providing refreshments for the Wilton Town Meeting, to be held on Thursday, June 10.

We need help to set up and work on the table.

-packaged items could be donated as well.

Sue Jean is heading the task force to organize this event.

We need donations of snacks to sell. Items should be packaged in bags to sell for \$1 each and must be nut-free. Pre

Sign-up sheets will be out on June 6 at church, or contact Sue Jean directly to offer your help.

One-Ten Club Raffle

The One-Ten Club Tickets are now available and will be on sale until the first drawing on June 13. If you wish to purchase a ticket or two, or are able to sell a bunch, let Lori Dick or Loretta know and we'll connect. You can also leave a message on the church phone, 654-9045.

This is how it works: Each ticket is \$10.00. Starting on June 13, there will be two drawings each week, for ten weeks. The first for \$10 and the second for \$20. On the last week, there will be two extra drawings. One for \$50 and the very last drawing for \$100.

Each ticket is in every drawing. Twenty-two of them! This could be a big fundraiser this year, so please support it by helping to sell tickets.

Loretta@hiik.net or LDick922@aol.com or Church phone 654-9045



Supporting each other



".. How are you really doing?"

Greetings, hopefully you receive this before June 6th as that is our opening day for in-person services. And yes, it is a communion Sunday. What better way to celebrate than to do it with communion?

I know it has been a long year, but I believe we are turning the corner. I have asked those on our zoom service to let me know if they have been vaccinated. If you did not hear this, would you be willing to let me know? (Confidentially, of course.)

Although the vaccine is not required, it will help us to move forward to have an idea of what percentage are vaccinated. Thank you for your understanding.

So, in the coming months I would like to explore with you what the past year has been like for you? Are there things you learned about yourself you did not know? Are there some things you have been doing that you would like to continue doing? Are there things you can not wait to get rid of? And really how are *you* doing? I am not looking for the casual response "Oh I am fine" because I can tell you, at least for me, it has been a rough year.

I do not think we can just sweep the last year under the rug. Please work together with me on exploring how this has affected you; perhaps it is a loss of some kind. I am hopeful that we can talk

openly about this and provide support for each other. I think we can learn a lot from one another about community, loss, isolation and any other feelings you may have or had.

I look forward to seeing and being with you on June 6th!!

Peace,
Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Kerry

Scripture readers are needed. There will be a sign up sheet at the service on Sunday!



We place our trust in God and believe in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures

The origin of Fathers Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

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Planning Committee:

See page 1 for info on Town Meeting and details on the One-Ten Club.

We need a couple people to sell One-Ten Club tickets at the Town Meeting. Please contact Lori Dick or Loretta Smith (email addresses also on page 1) to volunteer.

We also need someone to take over coordinating the Rummage Sales going forward. The next one should be in August or September. Please talk to Loretta or Ingrid for more information.

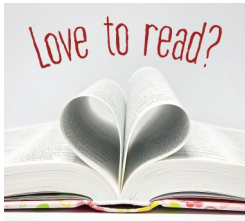
Fund-raising ideas are welcome! Do you have a great idea? We can support you to make it work.

Thanks to all for your help. We appreciate it!

Planning Committee: Ingrid Howard and Loretta April



Senior Book Club



The book club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10:00 AM.

If you want to participate, but this time is not convenient please let Pastor Kerry know. kerrywrichardson@comcast.com

The book club is reading *The Heart of Christianity, Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, by Marcus J. Borg. Each chapter can be read as a stand-alone for the discussion. Please feel free to jump in.

Book Nook—*She's not there*

A new addition to our Book Nook library is *She's Not There* written by Jennifer Phinney Boylan. I'm half-way through reading this and highly recommend it. The publisher and critics explain it well:

Publisher's Summary: The provocative best seller *She's Not There* is the winning, utterly surprising story of a person changing genders. By turns hilarious and deeply moving, Jennifer Finney Boylan explores the territory that lies between men and women, examines changing friendships, and rejoices in the redeeming power of family. Told in Boylan's fresh voice, *She's Not There* is about a person

bearing and finally revealing a complex secret. Through her clear eyes, *She's Not There* provides a new window on the confounding process of accepting our true selves.

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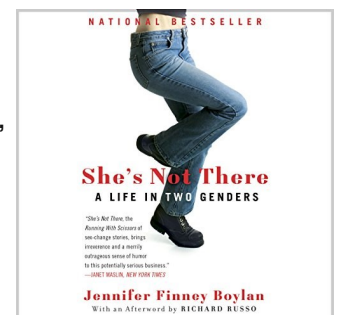
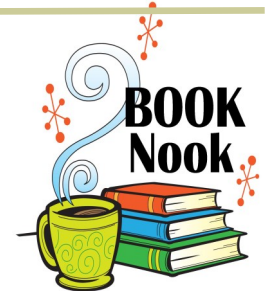
Critics Reviews:

"*She's Not There*...brings irreverence and a merrily outrageous sense of humor to this potentially serious business." (*The New York Times*)

"Probably no book I've read in recent years has made me so question my basic assumptions about both the centrality and the permeability of gender, and made me recognize myself in a situation I've never

known and have never faced.... The universality of the astonishingly uncommon: that's the trick of *She's Not There*. And with laughs, too. What a good book." (Anna Quindlen, from the introduction to the Book-of-the-Month-Club edition)

"Beautifully crafted, fearless, painfully honest, inspiring, and extremely witty. Jennifer Finney Boylan is an exquisite writer with a fascinating story, and this combination has resulted in one of the most remarkable, moving, and unforgettable memoirs in recent history." (Augusten Burroughs, author of *Running with Scissors* and *Dry*)



Support our Missions



Hygiene kits

Church Missions assembled and delivered 25 hygiene kits to the regional CWS collection site. These kits will be distributed locally and globally, as needed following a disaster, when people are forced out of their homes. The kits included toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, wash cloth, towel, nail clippers and soap, among other things.

Linus Project

We continue to donate 8 - 10 blankets each month to the Monadnock Chapter. These blankets are then distributed to child care centers, Head Start and hospitals; providing comfort and warmth to children. We hope in the fall to start in person meetings again. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie.

Virtual Parent Cafe

The Second Congregational Church of Wilton's Missions Committee is one of the

sponsors for a new local family support program called "Be Strong Families Virtual Parent Café." We encourage our members to share this information with other family members that face the joys and challenges of parenting and/or child care. While we look to serve the greater Milford, Wilton, and Lyndeborough families, all parents from any community are welcome!

The plan is to have a new Cafe meeting every other month going forward. Watch your email for information on upcoming topics and cafes. If you have any questions, please contact Dana.

Crop Walk

We are in the early stages of planning a crop walk in Wilton to benefit the Open Cupboard. All proceeds will go directly to the needs of the less fortunate in our area. Everyone is invited to join us for a short walk around town. The date is yet

to be determined, but will be in the fall. Please watch future newsletters and church bulletins for more information.

Community Dinners

We would like to bring back monthly community dinners, once it is safe to gather again. Our thought is to vary the menu and offer the meal to the public free of charge, although donations will be welcome! We all know how difficult the past year has been. We want to open the church doors to the community and see our friends and neighbors again. More details to follow.

Submitted by Stephanie Ouellette, with Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl, Becky Kennedy and Jan Stone

Musical Notes: In the Garden

In 1912, as Charles Austin Miles grabbed his Bible, it opened to John 20. Reading the account of Mary Magdalene outside the garden tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, Miles felt powerfully that he was there. Inspired, he quickly wrote the poem "In the Garden" and later composed the music.

This hymn might seem sentimental and trite, if understood to refer to just

any garden. But the song takes on profound meaning when recognized as Mary's personal encounter with the living Lord.

And he walks with me, and
he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his
own,
And the joy we share as we
tarry there,
None other has ever known!

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Search Committee update

June 2021

The Search Committee has completed the review of the church's By-Laws. The primary goal was to incorporate all the revisions made in the last twenty years as well as update the language for clarity.

The updated By-Laws will be available to everyone for review prior to an all-church meeting to be called after the June 13 worship service. Please plan to attend.

Watch for an emailed copy or if you get the newsletter a

copy will be sent via regular mail.

*Respectfully submitted by
Loretta Smith for the Search
Committee*



A wonderful gift from the Jowders family

Have you noticed the activity in the church yard? Our beautiful new church lawn will be dedicated in memory of Allen and Priscilla Jowders. A special thank you goes out to the following who all donated their time and materials for this project:

- Greeley Farm Landscaping, owner Brendon Greeley,
- Green Acres Irrigation & Landscape Lighting, owners

Ken and Tara Begley,
• And Plumber Eric
Jensen

What a generous, kind and thoughtful gift to our church and community. A dedication will be held later this summer.

Many thanks to all!

Submitted by Sue Jean



An Invitation to Celebrate

The Jowders family would like to announce that there will be a memorial service for Allen "Rollie" Jowders.

It will be held on July 24th. More details will be available shortly.

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pages for the Calendar & more
www.2CCWilton.org*

Revised Common Lectionary for May

June 6	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
June 13	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
June 20	1 Samuel 17:32-49; Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
June 27	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
July 4	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Ezekiel 2:1-15, Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
July 11	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19; Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
July 18	2 Samuel 7:1-14; Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 25	2 Samuel 11:1-15; 2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

The Revised Common Lectionary is provided so that you may explore more than just the Gospel that is read on Sunday morning. I would be happy to discuss with you any of the other readings and what you find interesting about them. I hope you enjoy getting to know your Bible.

Blessings, Pastor Kerry

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Worship Services - see below or email 2ccWilton@gmail.com for more info.

Each Sunday Church Service 9:30am in person starting June 6

June 6 Worship at the Church - *You* are welcome!

Communion Sunday - Service at 9:30

June 14 Senior Book Club 10am via Zoom

June 14 Flag Day

June 20 Father's Day & First Day of Summer

June 28 Senior Book Club 10am via Zoom



***“If Dad’s are the most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers,
storytellers and singers of songs.” Pam Brown***

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