



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

# Church Matters

*All are Welcome!*

July 2021

## Summer Worship Services - Sundays at 9:30am

We are getting back to normal and it feels pretty good. Seeing old friends and new; singing and praying together, sharing joys and concerns.

Some things you should know:

Masks are optional if you have been vaccinated and social distancing is recommended.

The service is available as a Zoom meeting. Whether you prefer not to be in person yet or are away and would like to join, let the church office know if you need the link.

[2ccwilton@gmail.com](mailto:2ccwilton@gmail.com)

There will be coffee in the parish hall, but no snacks for now.

Remember: If you don't feel well, please stay home and take care of yourself.

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.

### July services

#### notes:

Pastor Kerry will be on vacation in July. He will be on call if needed. Contact the church office and Del forward your message.

There will be no communion in July.

Pulpit supply will be provided by Lori Dick, Joshua Bartsch and Dana Dahl, and Lamar Smith.

Coffee hour in the parish hall following worship.



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Invite a  
Friend to Church  
Sundays  
9:30 am



## Looking Forward to

We are so grateful to see renewed activity coming to our community:

- Rummage Sales in August and October (TBA)
- A dedication of recent gifts (TBA)
- A Community Supper in September
- An October 10 service at Cathedral of the Pines
- A crop walk event in October to raise awareness and funds for the Open Cupboard Pantry
- The Dinner Plays in November
- The Christmas Fair in December

Read more about these and other things as we come to life post-pandemic!



## Prayers for Summer



Greetings! It has now been a month since we started our in-person services. What a joy it is for me to be with you and see your faces again! We still offer the opportunity for you to join via zoom should in-person not work for you.

I know for some the lifting of the restrictions means that you will travel to see your loved ones, to give that long awaited hug! So, my prayer for you is safe travels, and we will hold you in our thoughts and prayers until you return.

Be safe, I look forward to seeing you all in August.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Kerry

".. We need each other.."

I will be on vacation for the month of July working on my reading list of books. I am grateful for the folks who have stepped up to fill the pulpit during my absence. I hope that you will greet them and help me lift them up while they do this service for your Church!

I hope that we do not forget the lessons that the past fifteen months has taught us, that we need each other, how much we mean to each other, and that we can use time to help bring people closer to God. Invite them to your Church! Tell them what a great community you belong to!

*Pastor Kerry*

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

**Flowers - I'm sure if you would like to provide altar flowers, that would be awesome! Check in with Sue Warren to get on the schedule.**



Loving Creator, you have generously and graciously given us blessing after blessing, gift after gift, kindness after kindness. Your steadfast love and amazing grace abound in our lives. You are awesome, and we are humbled and deeply grateful.

Now we give our tokens of love and appreciation to you. First, we offer our grateful hearts, minds and souls. Receive our praise and thanksgiving. We also offer the gifts of our labor, our monetary offerings, and our pledge of talent, time and service.

Help us be dedicated servants for you in our daily lives so we may be more worthy of the life you have given us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### One Ten Club Winners

**Thank you to all that sold tickets. This event has raised \$1670.00 for the general fund. Now the fun begins with the weekly drawings.**

**June 13 \$10 Patty Anderson \$20 Robert Farr  
June 20 \$10 Staci Walsh \$20 Brady Carpentier**



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## Mark your Calendars for these upcoming events

Rummage Sales—we have picked the dates for our next Rummage Sales, providing we have enough volunteers!

Mark your calendars for August 20 and 21  
October 22 and 23

Dates for the Fall Dinner Plays: November 6 and 7  
Pork Roast dinner

Christmas Fair will be December 4. It's not too early to make crafts and such so there is plenty to sell!

Community Meals: Grab a few friends to put on one supper or luncheon. Ham and Beans? Spaghetti?

Have a fund-raising or fun social event? Please suggest

it. We can support you to make it work.

Thanks to all for your help. We appreciate it!

Planning Committee:  
Ingrid Howard and  
Loretta Smith



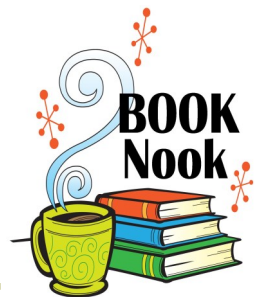
## Be a lifesaver



About 200 people — including 100 lifeguards — attended a pool party in New Orleans in 1985 to celebrate the first summer in memory that no one had drowned at a city pool. At the end of the festivities, the four on-duty lifeguards began clearing the area and found a fully dressed man in the deep end. Despite efforts to revive him, he died.

Just as swimming with a bunch of lifeguards doesn't guarantee safety, "swimming" with a sea of churchgoers doesn't guarantee peace. People in the pews next to you might be struggling to stay above water physically, emotionally, financially or spiritually. Be alert to ways you can serve as a lifeguard. Extend a helping hand, a listening ear and an encouraging reminder of Jesus' ultimate rescue (see Romans 7:24-25).

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.. Is on vacation for July! See you next month!

## Enjoy your freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders,

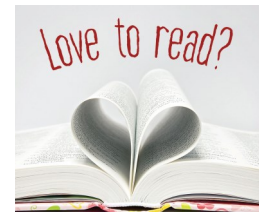
Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (NRSV).

We're no longer bound by sin and death. That "independence" is worth celebrating every day!

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### Senior Book Club



.. Is taking a break. Look for us on August 9th and 23rd

## Planning “Community” this fall



### Community Walk to benefit the Open Cupboard Pantry

The date is set for October 10 rain or shine. Registration starts at 9:00 am at Whiting Park, also known as the flats. There will be a short walk around town for folks of all skill levels.

All proceeds will go directly to the needs of the less fortunate in our area. The Open Cupboard serves Temple and Greenfield as well as Lyndeborough and Wilton. We encourage all our neighbors to participate.

Spread the word!

### Community Dinners

Our first community dinner will be Wednesday, September 15. Supper will be soup and sandwiches. The meal will be free of charge and open to the public. Donations accepted. Let's open the church doors to the community and see our friends and neighbors again.

One scholarship was granted to high school senior Mikayla Broderick. Congratulations and Good Luck as you continue your studies.

Please talk to anyone on the committee to help out with the walk or the dinners. We need everyone to make these things work! The next missions meeting will be on August 2 at 10:00am.

Your Missions Committee:  
Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl,  
Becky Kennedy, Stephanie Ouellette and Jan Stone

## A prayer for the Fourth

Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father's world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.  
—Sandy Hyland



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## Musical Notes: Giving our best

Have you noticed that family tension tends to ratchet up as summer progresses? As you may have found during quarantine, bickering often escalates as siblings and parents spend more unstructured time together.

To be honest, I add to the problem sometimes. After I expend energy at work, navigate all our schedules and try to serve my friends and community, little of my “best” is left by day's end.

My family often gets the leftovers — literally and figuratively.

In “Be King,” Christian musician Brian Morykon sings about the struggles of expressing love, even to relatives:

*“Be gentle to your brother/  
Jesus will show you how./  
Choose to bless your  
enemies/ even those that live  
in your house.”*

Our Savior sets an example by always loving me and always giving his best. That knowledge can help me flip things around and find ways to give my best, not my leftovers, to the people in my house.

—Janna Firestone

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“Forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”



## Search Committee update

July 2021

The Search Committee presented the revised By-Laws at a special church meeting held after the June 13 worship service. At the brief gathering, the By-Laws were reviewed, questions asked and voted to be accepted. The motion passed.

The Search Committee will begin meeting on a less frequent basis as the church works to get back to normal post-pandemic.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Smith for the Search Committee



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## An Invitation to Celebrate

The Jowders family would like to invite you on July 24 to a memorial service for Allen "Rollie" Jowders. Please come to help celebrate his life.

## Revised Common Lectionary for May

July 4	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Ezekial 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
August 1	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13; Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
August 8	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:35, 41-51
August 15	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalms 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
August 22	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 5:56-69
August 29	Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9. Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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](mailto:2ccWilton@gmail.com) for more info.**

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

July 1 Canada Day  
July 4 Worship at the Church - *You* are welcome!  
There will be no communion Sunday in July  
July 4 Independence Day  
August 20 & 21 Rummage Sale  
September 15 Community Supper  
October 10 Cathedral of the Pines 10:30am  
October 22 & 23 Rummage Sale  
November 5&6 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm  
December 4 Christmas Fair



***“Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible.”*** Corrie Ten Boom

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