



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

# Church Matters

*All are Welcome!*

September 2021

## Worship Services - Sundays at 10:00 am Sept· 12

It feels pretty good to be back *IN* Church. We've spent the summer getting back in the swing of things.

Starting September 12, we are moving away from the summer hours, and will begin worship at 10:00 am.

The service will still be available via Zoom. If you don't already have the link, please email the secretary at [2ccwilton@gmail.com](mailto:2ccwilton@gmail.com) to get that.

Masks are optional if you have been vaccinated for the coronavirus and social distancing is recommended. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, by all means, please do.  
Worship services is

followed by coffee in the parish hall. If you wish to provide snacks to go with that, please sign up. You will be greatly appreciated!

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

The Deacons are monitoring the Covid numbers and will react as necessary should there be any concerns.

Please know that everyone's safety is the primary concern.

See you soon!

### Service notes: September 5

Pastor Kerry will be away on September 5. The Reverend Larry Smith will be filling in. He will be on

### October 10

Service at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH at 10:30 am. Refreshments following service. Check with a Deacon if you want to share a ride or help.



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Friend to Church  
Sundays  
9:30 am



## September 18 Rummage Sale - Rain or Shine!

We are having a Rummage/Yard Sale on Saturday, September 18. Hours are 8am to 2pm. See Loretta or Ingrid if you are able to help to set up on Friday or work on Saturday.

## November 5 & 6 Fall Dinner Plays!

The Players start practicing September 12. There will be more details in the October newsletter. Dinner menu will be announced then as well.



## Prospering your own Soul



**".. God greatly prospers His children so that they can use that in meeting needs in the body of Christ "**

Greetings all! I must admit July was not what I had planned on. I had a plan to sit in the sun, read, and float on the lake. Well, I was able to read, and I didn't need to go to the lake to float!! However, I was able to reflect on what is going on in the world and in my little part of it.

I am grateful that so many people stepped up to fill the Sundays that I was away. My heartfelt thanks to Josh, Lamar, Lori, and Dana. I was able to listen to each one and I must say they all did an awesome job. Not only did it save the Church some money, but I think it speaks to the depth of those in your community. (Don't worry that you missed out. If you would like an opportunity, just let me know).

One of the things that comes to mind for me is the story of the Exodus. In this story, Moses is trying to help lead the Israelites out of Egypt, to

free them from slavery among other things. But the more he tried to help the more they complained. The Lord showed Moses many signs, the burning brush, he turned his staff into a snake. But even with all this they grumbled "why did you bring us here just to die, we where better off in Egypt". The story speaks of how in some cases we would rather stay in a situation and be miserable, rather than move forward, or better yet change the situation.

We want God to intervene in our lives when "we think it needs help" but are we willing to listen to God all the time? It is only when we give all of selves to God that we are truly followers. How do we do it? I think we can start with a prayer; it goes something like this, *Lord, here I am. I trust that you have an incredible plan for me. Transform me. Transform my life. Everything is on the table.*

*Take what you want to take and give me what you want to give. I make myself 100 percent available to you today. Transform me into the person you created me to be, so I can live the life you envisioned for me at the beginning of time. I hold nothing back. I am 100 percent available. Lead me, challenge me, encourage me, and open my eyes to all your possibilities. Show me what it is you want me to do, and I will do it. Amen.*

I encourage you to pray this prayer every day for at least a week, and just see what can happen!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor Kerry*



**Scripture readers are needed. Sign-up sheet at the service on Sunday!**

## One Ten Club Winners

**Thank you to everyone for supporting our One Ten Club raffle this year. It is greatly appreciated. Here are all the Weekly Drawing Winners:**

**June 13 \$10 Patty Anderson \$20 Robert Farr**  
**June 20 \$10 Staci Walsh \$20 Brady Carpentiere**  
**June 27 \$10 Roger Keniston \$20 Christine Benson**  
**July 4 \$10 Patty Anderson \$20 Deb Degan**  
**July 11 \$10 Laura Crooker \$20 Sloan Bramble**  
**July 18 \$10 Janice Clark \$20 Sue Jean**  
**July 25 \$10 Tom Lizotte \$20 Carol Holt**  
**August 1 \$10 Eric McCoy \$20 Eric Facey**  
**August 8 \$10 Kevin Jean \$20 Deb Degan**  
**August 15 \$ 10 Glenn Stone \$20 Kathleen Dube**  
**\$50 Eric McCoy \$100 Mary Sue Jensen**

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## We need You!



Rummage Sales: Mark your calendars for September 18 and October 22 and 23

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

Don't forget the Christmas

Fair will be December 4. It's not too early to make crafts and such so there is plenty to sell! We may do a combination with items available to purchase on line prior, with pick up on Fair Day.

Do you have a fund-raising or fun social event? Would you come to a painting

party? What about a Luau in January? How about Taco Night?

Stay tuned for some other great ideas!

Thanks to all for your help. We appreciate it!

Planning Committee: Ingrid Howard and Loretta Smith



## Quotable Quotes

The Lord gives a wide array of talents and knowledge to us all so we may serve one another through both paid and unpaid work. Thanks be to God! Welcome NN 9.21

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"I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music." J.S. Bach

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"Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable." Mary Oliver

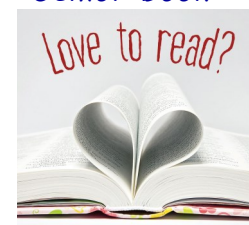
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"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire." William Butler Yeats

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"If you want the peace that passes understanding, you're going to have to give up your right to understanding. It's called trust." Bill Johnson

## Senior Book



Is back!

September 13th  
and 27th  
At 10:00 am

## Promises on hand

Audrey Penn's book *The Kissing Hand* features a young raccoon who's nervous about the first day of school. Mom consoles him by kissing his palm, signifying her presence with him. The youngster can simply put his hand to his face any time he needs a kiss from her. If that isn't tear-jerking enough, as the raccoon scampers to school, he returns to kiss

Mom's hand so she'll have a Kissing Hand too. That story reminds me of Matthew 28:20, when Jesus promises to be with us always, and of Psalm 23:4, which says, "I will fear no evil; for thou art with me" (KJV). God gives us a Kissing Hand through baptism, sealing us forever with the Holy Spirit and the mark of the cross of Christ. Just as the raccoons cherish their kissing hands, may we

cherish the promise of our Father's eternal presence. Thanks be to God, whose "goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life" (Psalm 23:6).

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## Walk for Open Cupboard Pantry - October 16



The Open Cupboard Pantry (OCP) is an emergency food source for residents of Temple, Wilton, Lyndeborough and Greenfield. It was founded in 1996 and is currently occupying space in the Wilton Falls Building across from the Police Station. The OCP is staffed solely by volunteers.

All are welcome, no one in an emergency situation has ever been turned away. People coming to the OCP have different needs. Some come once a year, some once a month and some come every two weeks. Families who come regularly must meet state income guidelines.

The OCP is totally supported through donations from generous individuals and organizations in the towns served. All donations are tax deductible.

### What Hunger Looks Like in New Hampshire

In New Hampshire, 119,990 people are facing hunger - and of them 27,980 are children.

1 in 11 people face hunger



1 in 9 children face hunger.

On October 16, our "Walk for Open Cupboard" will help to stock the Pantry for the fall and winter. The Second Congregation Church Missions group is organizing the walk.

**What can I do to help?** Ask friends and family to sponsor you on the walk. All proceeds will go directly to the Open Cupboard Pantry through the Wilton Lions Charitable Foundation.

**When is the walk?** The walk will be on October 16, rain or shine. Registration

begins at 9:00 at the flats adjacent to the elementary school in Wilton.

**What if I cannot walk very far?** There will be two routes planned. One will be around the school, the longer route will go down Maple Street and back up to the school. There will be crossing guards as needed.

**Where do I get sponsor forms?** Forms will be available at the Wilton Library, FRES, and the Wilton Lyndeborough Coop School.

**Who do I contact with more questions?** For more information, please contact Cindy Broderick, 654-6204 or Stephanie Ouellette, 654-2282.

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

## Musical Notes: Power in weakness

In the late 1970s, Henry Smith was struggling to find work after finishing his education. He also lived with a degenerative disease that caused him to become legally blind. But one day he heard a pastor explain that Jesus became poor so we might become rich through him. This idea inspired Smith to craft a song of thanks for God's gift of Jesus. Though Smith wrote more than 300 songs, only this one became widely known

(sometimes labeled "author unknown" or misattributed, but finally rightfully credited to him).

"Give thanks with a grateful heart," the song begins exuberantly. One of its most poignant lines urges, "Let the weak say, I am strong ... because of what the Lord has done for us." Across two millennia, Smith's words and faith echo the apostle Paul: "[The Lord] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you,

for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me" (2 Corinthians 12:9, NRSV).

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## Our help - past, present and

September 2021



This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that “it can’t happen here.” September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of “liberty and justice for all” served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that “though the earth should change” (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (v. 1). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God’s presence and power sustained you through life’s changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

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## Altar Flowers

September 5 Loretta & Lamar Smith  
 September 12 Katie & Howard Gotham  
 September 19 Mike & Cindy Broderick  
 September 26 Ingrid Howard

October 7 Kathleen Dube  
 October 14 Ingrid Howard  
 October 21 John Hutchinson  
 October 28 Mike & Deb Degan

## Revised Common Lectionary for September

September 5 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37  
 September 12 Proverbs 1:20-33; Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38  
 September 19 Proverbs 31:10-31; Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30-37  
 September 26 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50  
 October 3 Job 1-1, 2:1-10; Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 5; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16  
 October 10 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Amos 5:5-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31  
 October 17 Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalms 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45  
 October 24 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52  
 October 31 Ruth 1:1-18; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

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**

August 20 & 21 Rummage Sale  
September 6 Labor Day  
September 11 Patriot Day  
September 18 Rummage Sale 8am to 2pm  
September 22 First Day of Autumn  
Sept 15 to Oct 15—Hispanic Heritage Month  
October 10 Cathedral of the Pines 10:30am  
October 16 Community Walk for Hunger  
October 22 & 23 Rummage Sale  
November 5&6 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm  
December 4 Christmas Fair



**When I am troubled, I rest in the words of Holy Scripture: “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.. He will come and save you”** Isaiah 35:4

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