



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

All are Welcome!

October 2021

Worship Service at Cathedral of the Pines October 10

Join us for worship on October 10 at 10:30 AM at the picturesque Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH.

Check with a Deacon if you want to share a ride or help with the refreshments.

Bundle up in case it's a beautiful New England fall morning with a chill in the air. A blanket or cushion to sit on might be appreciated too.



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**Invite a
Friend to Church
Sundays
10:00 am**



October 16 "Walk for Open Cupboard"

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.

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.

Forms will be available at the Wilton Library, FRES, and the Wilton Lyndeborough Coop School.

October 23 Rummage Sale

Our next Rummage sale will be on Saturday October 23 from 8 AM to 2PM.

Fresh items and lots of bargains to be found. We have a large selection of Halloween costumes for all ages and lots of coats and jackets for all seasons and occasions.



Getting back to normal



“.. Come.. and light a candle for the Saint in your life.”

I do love this time of year, cool nights, warm days, no bugs. But what comes next.. not so much!

But isn't it true we have to take the "Bad" with the good? I believe that sometimes we focus too much on the bad. But we have a lot to be grateful for. We are doing our best to get back to some kind of normal.

The deacons and I will be offering home communion for those who are unable to attend Church for what ever the reason, so if you would like to be included in this offering, please let the Church office know.

It has been a year or so that we have not been able to celebrate All Saints Day, but I am happy to say that on the last Sunday of October we will be. This involves everyone who wants to participate by coming forward and lighting a candle for the Saint in your life. It is one of my favorite services to do.

I hope you will be able to join us October 10th at the Cathedral of the Pines, the service will start at 10:30, should you need assistance in getting there please notify the church office.

Please remember that if you would like a visit from me,

please call the office or my cell 603 620-0235. Peace, your servant in Christ, Pastor Kerry

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

“It's better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right.”

—Mark Twain



What's a Christian to do about Halloween

These days, children associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, Christians named the night before All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) "All Hallows' Eve." As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to resurrection life, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death.

Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called "seas of light." Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties.

No matter your views, you can remind children that though it's fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us as his holy — hallowed! — children.

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What's coming up

We are planning events cautiously because of the coronavirus. But we are planning! Here's what we have going on:

The next Rummage Sales is Saturday, October 23 from 8AM to 2PM

Dates for the Fall Dinner Plays: November 6 and 7
Watch for an exciting announcement.

Don't forget the Christmas Fair on 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.

Thanks to all for your help.
We appreciate it!

Planning Committee: Ingrid
Howard and Loretta Smith



Grace - what a gift

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.



Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted."

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November 5 & 6 Fall Dinner Plays!

The Players have been practicing since early September. These are two one-act plays:

"Big Bad and Little Red" - this is a short courtroom comedy with the Big Bad Wolf on trial and has some



audience participation, which is always fun!

Followed by "A Murdered Mystery" - a short whodunit that is a play within a play.

These promise to be fun for the whole family! Watch for the big announcement with more

details and information to purchase tickets.



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

Editors note: this article is a re-run from September - can't re-write perfection!

Musical Notes: A holistic church

When a pastor asked the congregation to express what the church meant to them, one couple wrote:

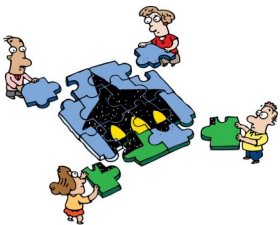
Our church may best be described as holistic, which means "the whole is much more than its parts." Our church has many "parts": a lovely campus, rooms for education, a great fellowship hall and a lovely sanctuary. There, the cross reminds us of God's love, the altar reminds us of holy

communion and the baptismal font reminds us of our faith.

In the sanctuary, we sing meaningful hymns, listen to our wonderful choir, hear God's incomparable word, offer sincere prayers, give an offering and receive guidance for our bodies, minds and souls. Finally, there is the part we call service. We leave church each week to use our talents, time and resources in

Christian service to a needy world. We care because God cares.

All in all, the "whole" of our church is much more than the sum of its parts. Ours is a holistic church striving to be holier. NN 3.10



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A prayer for pumpkin people

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove

the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)

- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)

• While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

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Altar Flowers

October 3 Kathleen Dube
 October 10 Susan & Kevin Jean
 October 17 Jessie Salisbury
 October 24 Sue Warren
 October 31 The Bartsch Family

November 7 Open
 November 14 Ingrid Howard
 November 21 John Hutchinson
 November 28 Mike & Deb Degan

Revised Common Lectionary for September

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 for more info.

Each Sunday Church Service 10:00 am in person & zoom

Sept 15 to Oct 15—Hispanic Heritage Month
October 10 Cathedral of the Pines 10:30am in Rindge NH
October 13 Senior Book Clun 10:00am
October 16 Community Walk for Hunger
October 23 Rummage Sale
October 25 Senior Book Clun 10:00am
October 31 All Saints Day Service 10:00am
November 5&6 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
December 4 Christmas Fair



It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

Nelson Mandela

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