



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

All are Welcome!

November 2021

Dessert & a Play! November 5 & 6 7PM



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Invite a
Friend to Church
Sundays
10:00 am



The Fall Dessert Play is “ Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch,, Or The Perfumed Badge.” This is a two-act mystery/ comedy which reunites too long lost twins who have chosen separate paths in life. Come to the Old West for some fun which includes gunfights, mistaken identity, and a new sheriff with some tough decisions to make.

Pie and coffee, tea and cider will be served at the intermission.

Call Sue Jean for tickets. \$10.00 per person. 603-654-2255

The Second Congregational Church of Wilton
Proudly presents **dessert & a play**



Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch

Or.. The Perfumed Badge 

November 5 & 6
Friday & Saturday at 7:00pm

Tickets \$10 each call **603-654-2255**

Limited seating - call NOW for tickets
includes the Two-Act Play and Dessert!
Serving Pie and Coffee, Tea and Cider

Getting ready for the Christmas Fair

Get your donations ready for the Christmas Fair. The fair is on Saturday, December 4 from 8am to 2pm. We will also have on-line sales available starting about 2 weeks before that, with pick up on fair day.

Please let Stephanie or Del know what you have for the on-line portion by November 13, so they can get that set up. We can add additional items as they become available. Any unsold items on line, will be available on fair day. Stephanie: ouellette99@gmail.com or Del: 2ccwilton@gmail.com

Food items - don't need to be ready until fair day, but please let us know what you will be making. Examples: 2 apple pies; 6 4 oz. jars of jam; 3 pounds of fudge packaged by the quarter or half pound; etc. And please price the items.

Please also price your hand crafted items. We don't want anyone upset that we underpriced their item!

Thank you all for your generous support of our Christmas Fair. It's our last fundraiser this year, so let's make it count!



What Christian community looks like with communication



“Jesus cares so much about the people and wants them to live in health and wellness. ”

Of the many emails that I get every day, some are more important than others. One such email came today in the form of a daily devotional. It used Matthew 18:15-16 as its inspiration: “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses”.



The author goes on to talk about how we (Clergy) are trained in Family Systems Theory , which teaches that conflicts don't get resolved when we don't address them directly. Indirect communication maintains the status quo. It goes on to say that “Real change can only happen when we go straight to the source”. Jesus cares so much about the people

and wants them to live in health and wellness. He doesn't want disputes to pull them apart! He wants them together. He wants them well. He cares about what Christian community looks like be it at home, church, everywhere.

Sometimes it's not only a dispute that creates the issue. Recently I mentioned in my Pastor's report that I would like the council to read a book called *Part Time is Plenty*. I didn't give any other information. A month later I mentioned it again in my report and didn't say anymore; I just sat back and waited for the conversation to start. Needless to say, the conversation didn't start. There has been no mention of it by anyone. It has occurred to me that I have not done a very good job of communicating what I hoped to accomplish. I have learned something from this, we can't just throw the idea out there

and “hope” that everyone understands our unspoken word!

So, this month I will again mention the idea, but this time it will come with a reason, a plan, and a desired outcome. I am lucky that I have the opportunity to at least try and correct this one, this time. I believe that's what Matthew was referring to when he said “go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone”. If it does not work out, don't give up, keep trying. The issue won't get better if we allow our ego to get in the way. Sometimes we need to take a step back and take responsibility for our own actions and just perhaps cut the other party some slack!

Blessings to you all.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Kerry

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Decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas

Saturday, November 20 at 10am we are meeting to decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands make light work – please come help if you can.

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



What's coming up

Thanks to all who helped with the October Rummage Sale. We made a little over \$400. Our next Sale will be in January. Watch for dates and times.

Fall "Dessert" Plays:
November 5 & 6 - call for tickets 654-2255.

The Christmas Fair is on December 4. See page 1 for details. Please contact Stephanie or Del regarding online offerings. And contact Ingrid or Loretta about the

Fair on Saturday December 4 from 8am to 2pm. We'll need workers that day.

Thanks to all for your help. We appreciate it!

Planning Committee: Ingrid Howard and Loretta Smith



Honoring our Veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.

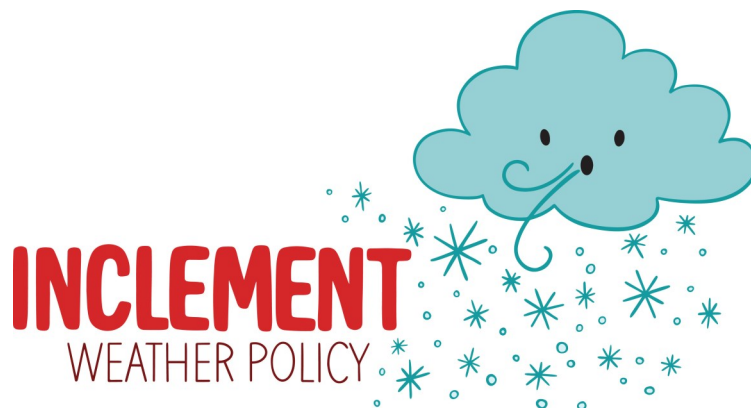
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In case of bad weather this winter...

In case of inclement weather, we will be posting on WMUR if we are going to cancel in person worship – however we will still meet via Zoom.

Del, our Administrative Assistant emails the bulletin and the link to Zoom every Friday. If you are not receiving this email, please contact the church at 2ccwilton@gmail.com or call the church 603-654-9045 and leave a message with your name and email address. We would be happy to get you added to our list.



Walk for Open Cupboard Pantry - October 16



Walk for Open Cupboard Pantry

On October 16, Church Missions sponsored a benefit walk for the Open Cupboard Pantry. By the end of the weekend, we raised over \$2,700 with more pledges and company matches to come. Thank you to everyone who contributed, either by walking or donating or both! The money raised will all be given to the Open Cupboard. We are hoping to do this again next fall, with more community participation.

Chemo Caps

On Saturday, November 13 the 3rd annual Pink Revolution Chemo Care Package event will be held. Church Missions contributed 12 chemo caps which will be included in care packages to patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Linus blanket project

We completed 12 more fleece blankets for the Linus Project. There is a continuous need to keep hospitals, women's shelters and police and rescue facilities stocked with

blankets for when a child needs comfort. If you would like to participate, please speak to someone in Missions. Thank you.

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



Musical Notes: Always Thankful

Martin Rinkart, a German Lutheran minister, wrote the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" in 1636. At the time, the Thirty Years' War was ravaging central Europe, claiming millions of lives. Rinkart served as pastor in Eilenburg, a walled town that became a crowded refuge for starving fugitives. Although Rinkart was struggling to provide for his own family, he opened his own home to people in need.

After the plague entered Eilenburg, Rinkart conducted up to 50 funerals a day — including services for his wife and the only other two pastors in town. Amid the despair, he wrote many hymns, including "Now Thank We All Our God." Originally intended as a table prayer, it's now sung at Thanksgiving to remember God's "countless gifts of love" — even during hardships.



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Thankfulness in action

Thanksgiving is a spiritual exercise, necessary to the building of a healthy soul. It takes us out of the stuffiness of ourselves into the fresh breeze and sunlight of the will of God.

Elisabeth Elliot, *Keep a Quiet Heart*

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch heaven.

—Johannes Gaertner

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.

—Maya Angelou



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Altar Flowers

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

December 5 Becky Kennedy
December 12 Jan Stone
December 19 Chris & Sandy Blumm
December 26 Sue Warren

Revised Common Lectionary for November & December

November 7 Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; 1Kings 17:8-16. Psalm 146; Hebrews 19:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
 November 14 1Samuel 1:4-20; Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
 November 21 2Samuel 23:1-7; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4-8; John 18:33-37
 November 28 Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
 December 5 Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
 December 12 Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
 December 19 Micah 5:2-5; Luke 1:46-55, Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
 December 25 Isaiah 40:1-5; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
 December 26 Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7),8-20

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

November 5&6 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
November 8 Senior Book Club 10:00am
November 20 Decorating for Advent Saturday 10:00am
November 22 Senior Book Club 10:00am
Early December - Wreath Decorating—TBA
December 4 Christmas Fair
December 21 Longest Night Service 7pm
December 24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm



“I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music.”

J.S. Bach

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