



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

All are Welcome!

December 2021

Christmas Craft Fair



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Invite a
Friend to Church
Sundays
10:00 am



The fair is on Saturday, December 4 from 9 am to 2pm. Our Virtual Fair is open with on-line sales until December 2 and items will be available to pick up on fair day. Www.2ccwilton.org

Some highlights:

Santa pictures are back! They will be taken in the sanctuary to enable social distancing.

Food items - pies, fudge, cookies, sweet breads - many yummy goodies. Soups, chili, dip mixes and more will be available. We are not able to serve lunch, but the corn chowder will be available to take home.

Check out the silent auction - preview and early bidding on the website. Www.2ccwilton.org

Instead of the traditional penny sale, there will be a 50/50 raffle and an ornament pull.

There are wreaths and other decorations. And lots of great gift items.

Tell your family and tell your friends and coworkers to come on Saturday, December 4.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair!

[See page three for details on making donations.]

Christmas Craft Fair - December 4
Plus Virtual Fair on-line www.2ccWilton.com

Christmas - a time of joy



“See the Joy.”

Greetings! By the time you get this you will have already celebrated Thanksgiving, but, nonetheless, Happy Thanksgiving!

For me, every year it seems that Advent and Christmas come upon us a little earlier. My goal at this time of year is to slow down; don't be so busy. That's not to say I won't get things done, but I want to be more intentional about them.

Advent calls us to have Hope, see the Joy, work for Peace, and above all Love.

So my hope is that you can join us either in person or via zoom to be part of the joy. Let's face it, this year it has been difficult to see the joy around us.

We can work for peace even it's just around ourselves.

We can spread the love of God to all we meet no matter if we know them or not.

So please take the time this year to really enjoy the Advent season as we prepare for the birth of the

child that will change our lives forever. Merry Christmas to all.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Kerry

What's so amazing about Christmas

Consider this: God loved the world so much that he came visiting. God slipped into the world as a helpless baby, without fanfare or heraldry.

Think of it: The baby, born of humble parents, the man a carpenter, the woman still in her teens, scholars say. Jesus was born in a backwater town called Bethlehem, in a stable reeking with animal smells.

It took years before people fully comprehended God's self-revelation. Even John the Baptist, sitting in Herod's prison, sent a message to Jesus asking, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" (Matthew 11:3, NRSV). Jesus then explained that he was working miracles and bringing good news to the poor.

That became even more clear when Peter concluded that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, NRSV).

What's amazing about Christmas is that it began in a manger. And today more than 2 billion people around the world celebrate Jesus' birth.

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Remember to turn down the heat...

Just a reminder, now that the winter is nearly here: Please turn down the heat when leaving the parish hall or sanctuary. Please close all the fire doors. Thank you!

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



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Christmas Fair Donations

Donations for the Christmas Fair can be dropped off on Friday, December 3, during set up between 10 am and noon, or in the evening, or early Saturday

morning. Or whenever the church is open! Donations for the on-line sale may need to be dropped off sooner. Stephanie will let you know when she needs those.

Donations for the on-line sale are available until December 2. If you would

like to add to the catalog before then, let Stephanie or Del know:
Stephanie:
ouellette99@gmail.com
or Del:
2ccwilton@gmail.com

Contact Loretta if you can work on Fair Day. Thank



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Eternal Light

Christmas occurred when God invaded Earth in a strange and marvelous way. A special child was born to improbable parents in an unlikely place at an inconvenient time and in an unwelcoming world. Yet heaven's light pierced the darkness and shone through the life of that unique baby. That light was and is an eternal light. God's light in Christ is a saving light that can keep the world from total destruction, from the ultimate darkness. The message is always true: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5, NRSV). And it never will.

—Charles Ferrell



Getting Christmas right

Prevent us, O Lord, from letting our Christmas be spent foolishly. Remind us that it is Christ's birthday we celebrate and not our own. Keep us from wanting our own desires to be fulfilled and from being angry or hurt when they are not. Make us mature in our thoughts and actions. Especially stir up such great love within us, that we may carry the blessed glow of Christmas with us now and through the days of life to come. In the name of the Christ child. Amen.

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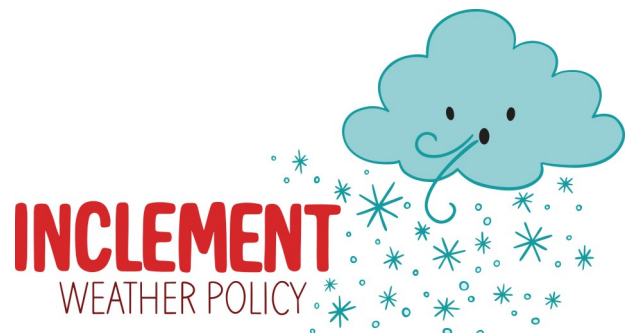
pages for the Calendar & more www.2CCWilton.org

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.



Your mission dollars at work



We delivered Thanksgiving "thinking of you" bags to 17 households for members who may not be able to get out and come to church.

For the Christmas Fair we will be making chicken and rice soup. Some of the ingredients have been donated by the Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club. In the interest of keeping our social distance, the soups will be sold cold in 2 cup containers. Bread and butter will be included in the price of the soup. All proceeds from the sale of the soup will go into the fair revenue.

We will be making donations to the following groups in early December:

\$250.00 to the Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club to support their Christmas giving efforts
\$250.00 to the Christmas store

\$150.00 to Bridges to support their domestic and sexual violence prevention program

\$150.00 to the Nashua Children's Home

We continue to support the Parent's Cafe, a grassroots effort to provide parents with support and an avenue for them to exchange and

share ideas.

As a follow up to October's Walk for the Open Cupboard Pantry, the final total raised was \$3500.00. Thanks again to all who made this a success.

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

Musical Notes: A Song with a Message

According to modern folklore, the song "The 12 Days of Christmas" was written to help young believers learn about their faith.

Although no evidence proves that claim, some say the popular carol contains these codes:

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds are the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings are the Law: the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying represent the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit: prophesy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy.

The eight maids a-milking

are Jesus' eight beatitudes.

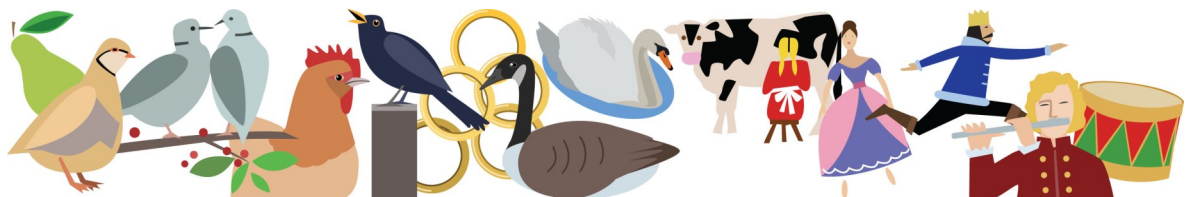
Nine ladies dancing are the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The 10 lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

The 11 pipers piping stand for the 11 faithful disciples.

The 12 drummers drumming symbolize the 12 statements of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

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Three wise women

If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, the story would've been a bit different.

- The women would have asked for directions instead of trying to follow a light in the sky.

- The three women would have arrived in time for the birth, assisted Mary and congratulated Joseph.

- They would have cleaned the stable, found bedding for the manger, shopped for whatever was needed and

prepared food and drink for all.

- And when the Baby cried, they would have taken turns to lovingly hold, sing and talk to the baby born to be a King.

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December Services

December 21, 7 pm Longest Night Service

December 24, 7pm Christmas Eve Service

December 26, 10am Sunday Worship Service

Altar Flowers

December 5 Becky Kennedy

December 12 Jan Stone

December 19 Chris & Sandy Blumm

December 26 Sue Warren

Revised Common Lectionary for November & December

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

December 1 Wreath Decorating 6pm
December 4 Christmas Fair 9am to 2pm
December 21 Longest Night Service 7pm
December 24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm
December 26 Welcome, Baby Jesus Worship Service 10am
January 23 Annual Meeting snow date January 30
January 21-22 Rummage Sale 8-2pm



“All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ” David Jeremiah

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