



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

All are Welcome!

April 2022

Our Church Organ: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Dear Members and Friends of 2nd Congregational Church,

As we prepare to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Second Congregational Church next year, let's not forget the 150th anniversary of the organ *this* year.

Every year we have the organ tuned and serviced by Andover Organ Co., but currently, our organ needs some extra TLC. Like any piece of equipment or building, the organ needs maintenance, and sometimes, a major overhaul. Think of it like the 70,000 mile service on your car, or replacing the roof on your home.

This summer the Andover Organ company will be removing the Great manual keyboard and the actions and taking them back to Methuen for rebuilding, to address that clacking sound you may have heard, and other issues. They will also remove the coupler mechanisms from the foot pedals and rebuild them.

There will be lots of small adjustments, lubrications, and replacement of leather and felt parts. When it is all done, they will come back to Wilton and reinstall, tune and adjust the key boards as needed. The cost of these repairs is \$11,000.00.

The church applied for, and received, and Ella Anderson Trust grant of \$5,000.00 toward this work. The decision was made by the Budget Committee to use the funds in our Hutchinson Music Fund to cover part of the cost. The balance left to raise is \$5,157.55. We hope you will consider giving a donation toward the refurbishment of our organ. We have an offer to match any donations we receive, so your gift will be doubled automatically! Please send your gift to the church at PO Box 246, Wilton NH 03086, with Organ Fund on the memo line. (Or you may bring it to worship, appropriately labeled.)

We have a truly unique instrument, beloved by organists who come to play it, and we should do all we can to preserve it for future generations to enjoy. Working together, we can make this happen. Thank you!

Your Music Committee:
Deb Degan, Darcy Bartsch, Dana Dahl, and John Hutchinson, Emeritus



Visit our website
2ccWilton.org

Invite a Friend to Church
Sundays
10:00 am



Please help us keep the music playing for years to come

Part Time is Plenty



Greetings friends! I wanted to update you on the event that took place on March 19. Those who had read the book *Part-Time is Plenty* gathered for about two hours and discussed what the book meant for them.

One of the things that came out of that meeting was deciding what the role of Part-time Pastor would look like. As discussed, the Pastor would be what is called an Equipper, which is someone who provides guidance for laity to be more active in the life of the Church. Because the twenty hours allocated per week Pastor can be somewhat

limiting, the need for lay people is greater. One thing I would like to point out is that "Laity" is not defined as someone who is on a board or committee.

The other item that came out of this meeting was the interest in Stephens Ministries. This a lay ministry that provides training on visitation, as well as other aspects of ministry. [see below for more information]

There will be a more in-depth document available as soon as Del has time to listen to the two hours of recordings and decipher what we said!!

I hope that you will find time to join us for a Maundy Thursday service to be held on April 14 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

I would encourage you to take some time and look back at how you have done on your Lenten journey. Have you been able to keep your focus? Did you "fast" the things that have been pressing down on you? You still have time to change your heart.

Blessings,

Pastor Kerry

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

More information on Stephen Ministries

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Who is involved in Stephen Ministry? Stephen Leaders are church staff, lay leaders, and pastors trained to provide ongoing leadership for their congregation's Stephen Ministry. They are equipped for this key role through the Bridge Leader's Training Course offered by Stephen Ministries St. Louis.

From the website: <https://www.stephenministries.org/>
Please visit for more information.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

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Second Congregational Church 200th anniversary preparations

In 2023, our church's congregation will celebrate our Bi-Centennial and we're planning all the activities now.

We are now looking for volunteers to join me to brainstorm and set logistics for a fabulous celebration. Please contact Dana Dahl at either

danaldahl@gmail.com
or 603-494-8547 to sign up!

Your mission dollars at work

April 2022

Walk for Open Cupboard

This year we will be walking again to support the Open Cupboard Pantry. The date of the walk will be October 15, most likely beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will begin and end at the church and there will be a short route and longer route. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.

Calendar Fundraiser to celebrate our Church's 200th anniversary

2023 will mark Second Congregational Church's 200th anniversary. We would like to see this include town history, as well as the beauty of the Souhegan Valley. We will welcome historical and recent photos of the Wilton area and its people, opening

up to anyone to submit pics. Our hope is to have the calendars printed by the first part of October, to be available for sale at fall events. We ask everyone to look through old photos. Please contact a Mission member for more information.

Mission Possible Collection

The March collection will be dedicated to Ukraine to help support their local, grass roots charities. We will be sending all funds dedicated to this collection to the non-profit group "Together Rising". If you wish to write a check for this collection, please make it out to Second Congregational Church and write "Missions" in the memo. There is a lot of information on their

website. A statement on a recent blog: "Together Rising is funding an additional \$941,000 to support families whose lives have been shattered by the attacks on Ukraine. Your investment is providing: An entire cargo plane of medical supplies, critical aid for hospitals, trauma-informed mental health support, urgent evacuations, shelter, coats, blankets, and direct cash assistance."

To date they have directed over \$2 million dollars. If you would like additional information, please see someone on Missions.

Your Missions Committee:
Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl,
Becky Kennedy, Stephanie



Success! Enjoying the Spring Plays

Thank you to everyone who made the Spring Plays a success. From the bakers to the players and workers AND guests! The four plays were delightful. Our actors had a great time as did the audiences both nights. Special Thanks go to Sue Jean for her planning and Bill Goddard with his troupe of players.

See you in the fall!

Revised Common Lectionary for April

April 3 Isaiah 43:16-21 - Psalm 126 - Philippians 3:4b-14 - John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday - April 10 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 - Luke 19:28-40

Maundy Thursday - April 14 Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 - Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday - April 15 Isaiah 52:13-53:12 - Psalm 22 - Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 - John 18:1-19:42

Easter Sunday - April 17 Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 - 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43 - John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

April 24 Acts 5:27-32 - Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 - Revelation 1:4-8 - John 20:19-31

Visit: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> for a complete list of readings for Holy Week

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

- April 10 Palm Sunday
- April 14 Maundy Thursday - Service 7pm
- April 15 Good Friday
- April 17 Easter Sunday He is risen indeed!
Sunrise Service in Mont Vernon, Worship 10am
- April 27 Admin Professional Day Thank you, De!!
- May 21 Rummage/Yard Sale 9 to 2pm



“An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.” Lydia M. Child

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