



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

# Church Matters

*All are Welcome!*

June 2022

## Important Votes on June 12:

### ONA & By-law changes

On June 12, 2022, there will be an all-church meeting in the sanctuary after worship services. There are a couple of items to be voted on. There are some changes to by-laws on reports and reporting, but the big vote is on adopting the Open and Affirming (ONA) designation from the UCC. The ONA committee and church council see this as the next step in affirmation of our existing covenant in the church's by-laws. It states as follows:

**Covenant.** We are a church, believing that each of us is created in God's Image. We celebrate everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, family configurations, economic

circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education, or spiritual and religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry and mission of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe and nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!".

You should have received your ballot for the ONA vote a couple of weeks ago in the mail. You can return it at the meeting or before. Everyone has a private vote, which will be counted.

Other votes will be held in the usual manner.



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Summer hours  
start on June 19  
Sundays  
9:30 am



## Wilton Summerfest - Saturday, June 25

Wilton's Summerfest will be held all day on Saturday, June 25. Vendors, food and entertainment will take over Main Street. Fireworks will be held at Carnival Hill in the evening.

booth selling Fruit Cups and raffle tickets to festival goers,

If you can take charge or work on June 25th, please let Loretta know as soon as possible. [Loretta@hiik.net](mailto:Loretta@hiik.net)



At this writing, we have plans to have our usual

## June and Summer at Second Congregational Church

As you know, Pastor Kerry Richardson has moved on from his interim ministry at Second Congregational Church.

With his work done here, we wish him well on the next steps in his journey as the pastor at the Hooksett Congregational Church.

The Deacons have a balance of pulpit supply and laymen and women to fill in through the end of the summer. If you would like to do the message one Sunday, speak to Lori Dick as head deacon or any of the deacons.

The Search Committee is back in action. While our church profile was completed last year, there are a few updates to be done and we should be ready to publish that by September.

It was determined that we do not need another interim minister, as Pastor Kerry accomplished what an interim would do. [The interim search committee was happy to hear that!]

We will be looking for a designated term or settled pastor.

The Mont Vernon Church has approached us about sharing a pastor. We are in agreement this would be beneficial to both churches. So that will be taken into consideration as we go through our process.

Leslie Tuttle is the chair of the Search Committee, if you have any specific questions.

**“Our profile .. Should be ready by September ”**

## The Church Hive

Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).



According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that

together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?

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## Summer Activities

Thanks to all who helped make the May Rummage Sale a success. We made \$369 after expenses.

**Next up: Wilton's Summer Fest on June 25.** this is an all day event. We need someone to take charge of this event. Some one has come forward to prepare the fruit cups.

We need workers to set up, sell goods at the booth, and pick up at the end of the day. Contact Loretta if you can help with this event.

**One Ten Club Raffle starts on June 26.** One Ticket is Ten Dollars. That One Ticket is entered in 22 raffles over the next Ten Weeks . Tickets are available from now until June 25. Buy your own ticket and take a few to sell. If every one can sell

just five tickets that would be awesome! Contact Lori Dick or Loretta for tickets.

**Summer Sale July 2.** Jewelry - Books - New items. 9-2pm. Watch for emails for set up and working. This should be an easier sale! And a regular **Rummage Sale August 20**

Contact Loretta if you can work on Fair Day. Thank you! Loretta@hiik.net



## Celebrating the church's birthday

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

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## Summer thoughts

"The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower, share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another's, smile at someone and receive a smile in return, are to me continual spiritual exercises."

—Leo Buscaglia

"Kindness and consideration of somebody besides yourself ... keeps you feeling young."

—Betty White

"The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close."

—Unknown

"Courage is fueled by the motivation to take the first step into the unknown."

—Cheryl Nielsen

## Thank you for our Missions Committee

The Missions Committee is one of the gems in our crown at Second Congregational Church.



Throughout the last few years, while others waited patiently for the pandemic to pass, our Missions team has been quietly working in the back ground. Numerous meals went out into the community; Linus blankets continued to be made and

donated; the Open Cupboard, Christmas Store and individuals were supported; scholarships were granted; members unable to come to church received care packages a few times each year.

Thank you to the amazing women for all that you do and for keeping 2CC in the public view.

And of course, thank you to all who donate to the Mission Possible collection each month.

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

We appreciate all their work.

### That's Father

Now I think of all achievements 'tis the least  
To perpetuate the species; it is done  
By the insect and the serpent, and the beast.  
But the man who keeps his body, and his thought,  
Worth bestowing on an offspring love-begot,  
Then the highest earthly glory he has won,  
When in pride a grown-up daughter or a son  
Says "That's Father."

—from "Father," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

### Musical Notes: Our organ - keep the music coming



"How is the organ fund drive coming?"

As a reminder the music committee has undertaken a fund drive to help defray the costs of refurbishing our tracker organ. Of the \$11,000 needed for the project, about \$6,000 came from the Ella Anderson Grant.

This leaves a balance of \$5,1575.55 to be raised.

We are very blessed to have such a historic instrument in our care. And even more blessed to have an accomplished organist in Pat Cauchon.

Please consider a donation in any amount to help defray the costs. There is a

matching donor, so any amount you are able to give will be doubled

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.)

Working together, we can keep the music coming. For many years to come. Thank you!

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

## Parents are stewards

Striving to raise happy, well-rounded children isn't wrong "unless those successes become the goal," writes Jeffrey Reed in *ParentLife* magazine. For Christians, he says, the driving force of parenting should be helping kids follow God's path. "What if we parented as if we were temporary stewards of

the greatest containers of godly potential?" Reed asks. "What if our goal for our children was to continually seek God's guidance on what it is that he wants for them and to help them pursue that goal on a daily basis?" He concludes: "In a hundred years, nothing we do will matter apart from the impact

we've made in God's kingdom on earth. Perhaps your children will be that legacy."

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## Sharing God's Kingdom

When Jesus, in the Nazareth synagogue, read from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news" (Luke 4:18) and declared the prophecy fulfilled, "all spoke well of him" (v. 22). But when he then said God's favor was not *just* for Israel, they grew angry. How quickly we can change our minds about leaders — sometimes in the span of a short sermon! Yet Jesus simply meant that God's grace is so plentiful

we can share it without fearing that if others benefit, we won't. It's been said you can't share light without some falling on your own path. Ministers can't baptize new followers of Christ without getting wet themselves. And neither will any of us miss out on the kingdom of God if we opt to share it with others — both in and beyond our community, people similar to and different from us. What is Jesus challenging us

to do right now? If it's something that benefits others, we'd do well to peel off from the angry mob (vv. 28-29) and think again. Perhaps not just a human being but the Spirit of the Lord is announcing good news in our hearing today.

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

## Revised Common Lectionary for June

Pentecost - June 5 - Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b - Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 - John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 12 - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8 - Romans 5:1-5 - John 16:12-15

June 19, 2022 - 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43 - Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28 - Galatians 3:23-29 - Luke 8:26-39

June 26 - 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 - 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16 - Galatians 5:1, 13-25 - Luke 9:51-62

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.



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**Worship Services - see below or email [2ccWilton@gmail.com](mailto:2ccWilton@gmail.com) for more info.**

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

- June 5 Pentecost
- June 12 Trinity Sunday
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 19 Fathers Day
- June 21 First Day of Summer
- June 25 Wilton Summerfest
- July 21 Summer Rummage Sale



**SUMMER HOURS START ON JUNE 19 - 9:30 AM IN PERSON & ZOOM**

**“One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: to rise above the little things.”** John Burroughs

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