



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

All are Welcome!

August 2022

Cathedral of the Pines

Service August 28, 10:30am

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Invite a
Friend to Church
Sundays
9:30 am



On Sunday, August 28, at 10:30 am, our worship service will be held at the lovely Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH.

The outdoor chapel has a commanding view of Mount Monadnock. There are walking paths and memorials throughout the property, flanked with gardens of wildflowers. Plan to spend a little time enjoying nature after the service.

Built in 1945 by the Sloane family in honor of their son who was killed during World War II. The

outdoor Alter of the Nations has stones from all fifty states, US Presidents plus many locations around the US and the globe with special historical significance.

All form a special tribute to those who have promoted the Cathedral's vision of friendship peace and brotherhood.

Visit www.cathedralofthepines.org to learn more fascinating details about this beautiful landmark located close to home in Rindge NH.

See you there on August 28!



God among the rubble



“They are God’s hearts and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.”

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I’m reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK

teams. They are God’s hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God’s heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with “tax collectors and sinners” and feeds crowds with

a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

If you would like to provide Altar Flowers in honor or celebration, contact Sue Warren at gbs340@juno.com

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

Welcome Back to our Tracker Organ!

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As previously reported, our Tracker Organ underwent some repairs earlier this summer. It sounds wonderful! Come and hear our Music Director, Pat Cauchon, making beautiful music each Sunday.

Note “organ” in the memo line of your check. There is a matching donor out there, so please take advantage while you can!

Thank you to all who have made donations already.

Donations are still being accepted for the refurbishment.





Christmas Fair Donations

We had a lovely Jewelry, Books, Etc. Sale in July. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, especially Sue Jean and Dana Dahl our jewelry ladies. We made over \$400 on the sale.

Our One-Ten Club raffle is ongoing through August 28. A list of winners to date is shown

below. That fundraiser earned about \$1800. Thank you to all who bought tickets to support that.

We will not have an August activity, but watch for a September Rummage Sale.

At this time we are planning for Fall Plays on November 11 and 12.

It's not too late to start working on Christmas Fair Projects. Time flies and

Saturday, December 3 is not that far away!

Contact Ingrid Howard or Loretta Smith if you have a great idea for an October event. Or if you would like to plan something for 2023.

Thank you!
Loretta@hiik.net



7-10 Club Winners

Week 1 - 6/26
\$10.00 Pete Ouellette
\$20.00 Mike Degan

Week 2 - 7/3
\$10.00 Tom Lizotte
\$20.00 Dana Dahl

Week 3 - 7/10
\$10.00 Kelby Broderick
\$20.00 Bianca Henchey

Week 4 - 7/17
\$10.00 Carolyn Karnis
\$20.00 Mary Richardson

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August Services

Join us for worship services this summer, held at 9:30 am. Below is a list of pulpit supply in August.

August 7 - Communion Sunday - Rev Anne Rodman
August 14 - being led by Joshua Bartsch
August 21 - Rev Anne Rodman
August 28 - Service at Cathedral of the Pines 10:30am - Rev. Anne Rodman

Please come and support our guest speakers. You don't want to miss any of these services.



Your mission dollars at work



Project Linus Class

We are excited to offer a Project Linus class through the Wilton Collaborative Effort. This class will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am. The class is open to anyone in the community. The Collaborative Effort has provided funding for some of the materials we will use. Come join us at the parish hall which is

the Wilton Collaborative Space. You don't need to know how to crochet, we will teach you the easy stitch!

Mission Possible Work:

The committee reported at the June Church Council Meeting that scholarships were made at the end of the school year to Anna Bartsch and Madelynn Bowen. A donation was made to Goss Park.

Walk for the Open Cupboard Pantry

This is in the planning stages and we will be working with the Wilton Collaborative group this year. More details will be available in September.

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

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,” says God to each of us. “Before you were born I set you apart” (Jeremiah 1:5, NIV). Lord, help us know your holy purposes for us this day.

Musical Notes: Summertime Splendor

One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer.

“There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men,” writes John Newton. “Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory.”

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word.

Thomas Merton writes, “By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet.”



August 2022

The beauty of stewardship

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's

gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to

have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

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**What is stewardship?
Stewardship is not just raising funds;
It's raising Christians.
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;
It's a matter of faith.**

Revised Common Lectionary for August

August 7 - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 - Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22 - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 - Luke 12:32-40

August 14 - Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 - Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82 - Hebrews 11:29-12:2 - Luke 12:49-56

August 21 - Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6 - Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8 - Hebrews 12:18-29 - Luke 13:10-17

August 28 - Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16 - Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112 - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 - Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 for more info.

Each Sunday Church Service 9:30 am in person & on zoom

August 28 Cathedral of the Pines 10:30 worship service
September 17 Rummage Sale 8am to 2pm
October 22 Rummage Sale TBA
November 11 & 12 Fall Plays 7pm
December 3 Christmas Fair 9am to 2pm



“Aging is not ‘lost youth’ but a new stage of opportunity and strength.” Betty Friedan

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