



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

All are Welcome!

October 2022

Wilton Lyndeborough Day of Service

Saturday, October 15

Visit our
our website
2ccWilton.org

Invite a
Friend to Church
Sundays
10:00 am

Church Missions is working with the Wilton Collaborative Space, the Wilton Lions Charitable Foundation, and the Wilton Community Center. Plans for the day of service on Saturday, October 15, are in process. We have identified 10 areas of concentration. All donations and sponsor dollars will be given to the Open Cupboard Pantry to help fill their shelves for this fall and winter.

- 1) Walk or pledge in a walkathon
- 2) Pickup roadside trash or pledge to support
- 3) Weed and remove invasive plants from town property
- 4) Help clear and prune trails at the Wilton Reservoir
- 5) Stencil storm drains to protect our water supply
- 6) Assist seniors/veterans with outdoor cleanup
- 7) Help weed the community garden
- 8) Help clean the Historical Society rooms
- 9) Assemble and stock a 24-hour available food pantry
- 10) Prime and paint the Still Good Shed (October 13/14)

If you cannot work that day, please consider sponsoring someone on a project. For more information, or to volunteer, please email WLdayofservice@gmail.com or speak to a member of Missions.

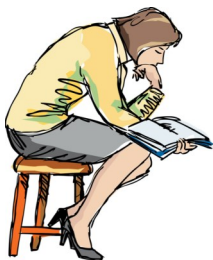
At the end of the service day, Missions is sponsoring a free spaghetti supper, open to the public, in celebration of all the work done.



Rummage Sale
October 22
Featuring Jewelry, Coats
and Sweaters



It only takes a little spark...



“We are proud of the way we are able to make a difference.”

I found this list of possible ministry ideas which suggests “signs of a well-rounded, active church:”

- A grief support group
- An illness support group
- **A readers’ group focusing on Christian books**
- Dinner groups
- **Choirs for all ages**
- **Mission and disaster-relief groups**
- **Prayer chains**
- **Groups that serve the poor and hungry**
- A church nurse
- A spiritual-formation leader
- **A shawl ministry (people who make shawls for shut-ins)**
- A Stephen ministry
- Stewardship classes
- **A Habitat for Humanity working group**
- A family-ministry program

- A support group for domestic-violence victims
- **A place for members to exercise**
- **A group that works to provide college scholarships for high school graduates**
- **A group that supports seminary students**

and the article also suggests “the list doesn’t need to stop there.”

I highlighted the ones that I know we’ve experienced in the past - even if not exactly as described.

We are proud of the way we are able to make a difference. Our Missions Committee earns kudos for leading the way with scholarships, prayer shawls and Linus blankets, organizing lunch for the

Habitat workers, and building disaster-relief packages.

If some of these activities, are in hibernation right now - where do you think you could help make a difference?

Can you organize a reading group? Or a support group for an interest important to you? Would you like to explore a Stephen Ministry and help with the training?

Perhaps you have your own great idea just waiting for encouragement to put it in motion?

As the song says, “It only takes a little spark, to get a fire going..”

Blessings to all,

Your servant in Christ
Loretta

Visit our Website & Facebook
pages for the Calendar & more www.2CCWilton.org

Inclement weather and Turn down the heat!

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 the mailing list.

TURN DOWN THE HEAT!
Make sure the heat is not left on when you leave either building. The cost of oil is high. Please do your part to keep costs down.

Thank you!!



**Don't forget:
We will meet on
Zoom instead.**

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Rummage, Plays, Christmas Fair

We have been busy!

Rummage Sales, Dinner Plays and the Christmas Fair are all on the horizon. Please see the various articles in this newsletter!



If you have any great ideas or would like to help with any of these, please talk to Ingrid Howard or Loretta Smith. Loretta@hiik.net

Fall Dinner Plays are back!

We are so excited for the return of the fall dinner plays! Mark your calendars for Friday or Saturday night, November 11 and 12. At 7PM dinner is served! Followed by 2 delightful one-act plays.

On the menu: A pork loin dinner with homemade applesauce, mashed potatoes and vegetables. Dinner includes salad, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$20.00 per person for a feast and two fun plays.

The play titles are *Big Bad and Little Red* and *The Murdered Mystery*.

A Murdered Mystery

This play-within-a-play opens with the butler, holding a gun, standing over the body of Steve Walters. The butler, John, assures us that things are not what they seem and that this is not a simple case of "the butler did it." John introduces us to the other suspects: Steve's business partner, his ex-fiancée, his current fiancée, and her friend. But that's when the play falls apart, for the actors are as jealous, petty, and conceited as the characters they play.



Big Bad and Little Red

This is a courtroom "comedy/drama" where the Big Bad Wolf is on trial facing numerous counts, and from the Two little pigs to the woodsman and Granny Girzelda, something is a foul and maybe, just maybe, the Big Bad Wolf is not as bad as people may think and Little red Riding Hood isn't so innocent.....



Thank you to Bill Goddard for managing the production and Sue Jean for managing the dinner. More next month on the cast of characters.

FOR TICKETS CONTACT SUE JEAN AT 603-801-7267
or leave a message on the church phone, 603-654-9045.
LIMITED SEATING - GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

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

Your mission dollars at work— Project Linus



As a group, working with the Wilton Collaborative Space, we meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and have made great progress.

In August, we donated nineteen blankets and in September, we have completed and donated fourteen blankets.

Anyone is invited to come. The blankets are easy to make. We can teach you how. Completed blankets are picked up by the Monadnock Regional Coordinator and distributed to hospitals and emergency responders in the area.

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

24 hour food pantry

As part of the Wilton Lyndeborough Day of Service, a free food pantry will be constructed on site at Second Congregational Church. The pantry will be accessible 24 hours a day and stocked with non-perishable items. It will be open to everyone and supported through donations from the community. Watch for more information on how you can donate goods or money to stock the shelves. To start, any typical dry or packaged goods will be helpful. Think mac-and-cheese, instant potatoes, pasta, canned vegetables, meats, etc.

As noted, this will be available to anyone in the two communities with no requirement other than there is a need to put food on the family's table. Thanks to Missions and the community for putting this idea together and making it happen.

Musical Notes: The "Wow!" Factor

After the final notes concluded at a recent symphony performance in Boston, the conductor hadn't yet lowered his baton when a child exclaimed, "Wow!" The break in protocol, magnified by excellent acoustics, didn't upset the participants or audience, however. Instead, several later said it brought them great joy. One even called the moment life-changing.

The incident was especially meaningful because the child, a 9-year-old named Ronan, has autism and is generally nonverbal. Music, his family says, tends to

attract his interest and make him happy. When symphony officials learned Ronan's identity, they arranged a private performance so he could meet some musicians.

How often do you shout "Wow!" — in a good way — at what you see and hear? You may tend to do so on vacation or while observing God's natural wonders, but what about during your day-to-day life? Think about the people you encounter and their talents — and your own. When have these sparked a "Wow!" of thanks to God?

Every blessing, large or small, is a wow-moment — a gift from God that warrants our praise.

—adapted from HomeTouch Ministry



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Be a good steward

Various committees are writing the church budget for the coming year. They're placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.



Stage Curtains

You may have noticed that the stage curtains are missing. They were taken down a few months ago as they were deemed unsafe by the fire marshal. The curtains need to be flame retardant and new ones needed to be ordered. The cost, including installation, is about \$3,000.00. If you would like to make a donation towards the replacements, please note that on the memo line of your check. Any help to defray the unexpected cost is appreciated.

Christmas Craft Fair - December 3

Tell your family, tell your friends, tell everybody!

Support our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Revised Common Lectionary for October

October 2 - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9 - 2 Timothy 1:1-14 - Luke 17:5-10

October 9 - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12 - 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111 - 2 Timothy 2:8-15 - Luke 17:11-19

October 16 - Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104 - Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121 - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 - Luke 18:1-8

October 23 - Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65 - Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7 - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 - Luke 18:9-14

October 30 - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144 - Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7 - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 - Luke 19:1-10

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

- Sept 15 to Oct 15 Hispanic Heritage Month
- October 2 World Communion Sunday also Neighbors in Need Collection
- October 15 Wilton Day of Service, to benefit Open Cup-board Pantry
- October 22 Rummage Sale 9am to 1pm
- October 30 Reformation Sunday
- October 31 Reformation Day
- November 11 & 12 Fall Plays 7pm
- December 3 Christmas Fair 9am to 2pm



*“Life is given to you like a flat piece of land. I hope that when I'm finished,
my piece of land will be a beautiful garden.” Jeanne Moreau*

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