



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

# Church Matters

*All are Welcome!*

November 2022

## Fall Dinner Plays

On Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12 at 7PM dinner is served! Followed by two one-act plays sure to make you laugh.

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 an evening of entertainment.

Here are the plays and casts:

### **A Murdered Mystery**

We start with John, the butler, holding a gun, standing over a body, assuring us that the butler, didn't do it.

Starring: Carl Brown, Don Taylor, Jennifer, and Corinne Cutler



### **Big Bad and Little Red**

This is a courtroom "comedy/drama" where the Big Bad Wolf is on trial. Starring: Corinne Cutler, Chris Meiman, Amanda Blanchard Bosse, Jim Cutler, Mike Degan, Bill Goddard, Don Taylor and Carl Brown with Marilyn Goddard (and friends).

Thank you to Bill Goddard for managing the production, all the players who have rehearsed for weeks, and Sue Jean for managing the dinner.

*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!*



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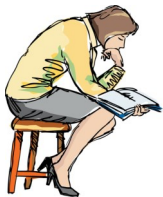


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**Christmas Craft Fair - December 3**

*Tell your family, tell your friends, tell everybody!*



“ .. I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body.. For the refreshment of sleep, [and] for my daily bread.. ”

## Gratitude Galore

If you’ve ever kept a faith journal, you know they’re fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop, known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: “I will thank God.. For the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love... for the leaves on

the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is a sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, O Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!”

King concludes: “And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for

the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for His loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think. And of my heart ever since it first began to love.

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Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow

Michael Ramsey

When I comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.

G.K. Chesterton



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### *In case of bad weather this winter..*

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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](mailto: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.



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



## Christmas Fair is coming!

**Thanks to all** who helped with the October Rummage Sale. Special Thank You's to Cindy Broderick, Lori Dick and Becca Lorden for organizing. The sale earned \$300.00.



The next sale will be in January or February

2023. NOTE: We are NOT taking new donations until Spring. Watch for announcements.

See page one for all about the return of the **Dinner Plays on November 11 and 12**. Volunteers needed for kitchen and waitstaff.

PS: **BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!**

The annual **Christmas Craft Fair** is a mere month away! I'm sure everyone is busy with the final touches to get their crafts done. Or if you are a last-minute person (like me), you better get going!

**Don't forget we have the best Santa pictures in the area!**

Please talk up the Fair with friends, family & co-workers. If you are able to put up posters at work, or any other great places, please do so. Posters will be ready in the next week or two. Pick them up at the church or contact Loretta.

Please see Loretta or Ingrid to help set up or work the day of the fair.

Planning Committee  
Ingrid Howard  
Loretta Smith  
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## Christmas Craft Fair

## Housekeeping: Rising costs of utilities

Costs are rising all across the board. With the price of heating oil hovering around \$5.00 per gallon, everyone needs to pay attention to the thermostats and making sure they are turned down to 60 degrees before leaving the building. We are moving winter services to the parish hall once Christmas is past, to conserve on heating oil in the sanctuary. In December, you may want to carry a lap blanket to stay cozy!

Additionally, the cost of electricity is much higher than last year, as we can all see from our personal bills. If no one is in a room, please turn off the lights. This includes leaving the hall and kitchen unlit during services and not leaving bathroom lights on when we lock up and leave.

## Following up on the 24-hour pantry

The twenty-four hour food pantry shed that we discussed last month has been put on hold.

The shed was to be constructed on the Wilton-Lyndeborough Day of Service in October.

There was some concern about lot line set backs and a couple of other things. This will be revisited in the future once the logistics are sorted out.

In the meantime, please contact the Open Cupboard Pantry if you live in Wilton

or Lyndeborough if you have a need. The folks there work with everyone's circumstances and are happy to help.

## Your mission dollars at work - A Day of Service



### Wilton-Lyndeborough

#### Day of Service

On October 15, church missions worked in conjunction with the Collaborative Space and the Wilton Community Center to sponsor a day of service. It was very successful!

We had 44 volunteers work on a variety of projects, including stenciling storm drains in town, a walk for the Open Cupboard, weeding invasive plants by the River Walk, assisting a veteran with yard work, clearing trails and brush at the reservoir and painting the Still Good Shed at the recycling center.

At the end of the day Church Missions served a spaghetti supper to members of the community, free of charge, as a thank you. The project raised over \$1,250.00. All proceeds will go to the Open Cupboard. Everyone who participated agreed that the day was a success.

### Project Linus

The group continues to meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. There is an average of 7 people at each gathering. Together, the group completes 15 - 20 blankets each month. These are brought to the Monadnock Regional Coordinator who helps

distribute to area hospitals, police and fire departments, and Head Starts. We welcome anyone to join the group.

Future projects will include Thanksgiving and Christmas gift bags of cheer for some of our members who are not always able to attend service.

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

## Musical Notes: The company you keep

At a concert, a Christian musician talked about growing up in the South, saying his accent was a giveaway. Then he described his relationship with Jesus, noting that he spends lots of time in God's Word. By "hanging out with Jesus," he said, he has "picked up Jesus' accent."

Just as people know he's from the South because of how his voice sounds, they know he follows Christ through his actions and words.

Proverbs 13:20 emphasizes that the company you keep can greatly influence you, for better or worse. Imagine the impact we can have on other people by hanging out with Jesus more!

Dear God, we invite you into our daily lives. Hang out in our hearts and minds so that when people see and hear us, they'll know whose we are. Amen.

—Julie Lee



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October 2022

## A veteran's service

American hero Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) led a life of daring and risk, from race car driving as a teen to piloting warplanes. Throughout his experiences, Rickenbacker grew in faith while discovering that "life had no meaning except in terms of helping others."

In the first issue of *Guideposts* magazine, Rickenbacker described spending four

agonizing months in 941 in the hospital after an accident. While recovering he pondered life and death, concluding that he couldn't give up because he still "had work to do, others to serve."

Less than two years later, that ordeal came in handy. After crashing in the South Pacific, Rickenbacker and "seven other starving men" were adrift on a raft for 21 days. Most were "so

young they needed the strength and understanding of a man who had been down in the valley of the shadow, who has suffered and made sense out of his suffering," he said. "It was clear to me that God had a purpose for keeping me alive. I had been saved to serve."

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***Santa Claus pictures will be taken at the Christmas Fair on December 3. Santa arrives at 10am. Shop local and bring all your kids and grandkids of all ages for a fun holiday tradition!***

## Hidden Blessings

Dear Friend, God may send you some valuable gifts wrapped in unattractive paper. But do not worry about the wrappings, for you can be sure that inside he has hidden treasures of love, kindness and wisdom. If we will simply take what he sends and trust him for the blessings inside, we will learn the meaning of the secrets of his providence, even in times of darkness.

~ A.B. Simpson

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## Revised Common Lectionary for November

November 6 - Haggai 1:15-2:9; Job 19:23-27, Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 13 - Isaiah 65:17-25; Malachai 4:1-2 and Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 20 - Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

November 24 - Thanksgiving Day - Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

November 27 - First Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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

- November 1 All Saints Day
- November 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 11 & 12 17 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
- November 20 Christ the King Sunday; Decorate the  
Sanctuary for Advent with Lunch served afterwards
- November 24 Thanksgiving Day
- December 3 Christmas Craft Fair 8am to 2pm
- December 21 Longest Night Service 7pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm



*“I can’t be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church.”* Rachel Held Evans

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