



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

All are Welcome!

February 2023

Annual Meeting re-cap

If you missed the church's Annual Meeting in January, below are a few highlights.

The annual report is available as a pdf. Contact Leslie Tuttle for a copy.

There are several committees that need members. If you are interested in serving as a Deacon, or on a committee, please talk to Leslie and she can provide details on any openings.

The budget was passed, but there is a deficit of approximately \$23,000 between pledges and expected expenses. Pledges were down

in numbers and values. There were 29 pledges this year vs 35 last year. An extended discussion of the increased importance of fundraising followed, as well as some suggestions for increasing rental revenue.

Our Churches 200th anniversary in 2023 and there will be several events held throughout the year to celebrate.

A moment of silence was held to honor members Marilyn Bartsch and Clayton Brown who passed away last year.



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2ccWilton.org



Invite a
Friend to Church
Sundays
10:00 am



Rummage Sale—February 18 9am to 1pm

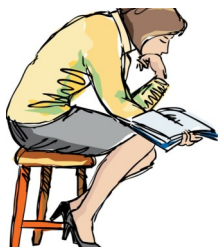
Our next rummage sale will be held on Saturday February 18, from 9am to 1pm. This will be a traditional sale with lots of clothing, shoes, handbags and accessories.



Ash
Wednesday

An Ash Wednesday
Service will held on
February 26 at 7PM

The River of Life



“Sometimes we seem to be going in the opposite direction.. But that doesn’t mean we’re not headed the right way.”

The Red River of the North, in the north-central U.S. and central Canada, takes countless twists and turns. A close-up aerial photo or map shows its frequent sideswipes and U-turns. One could cross the river several times without changing direction while hiking or biking along the border between Minnesota and North Dakota. You might wonder at points if it has completely turned back south — which raises another point: While most rivers flow south, the Red River flows north.

Sometimes life meanders, but that doesn’t mean we’re off course. Sometimes we seem to be going in the opposite direction of most people, but that doesn’t mean we’re not headed the right way. Sometimes it feels like it takes us a long time to make progress, but that doesn’t mean we’re not moving. We might just be taking in more of life’s scenery! Follow your own unique trajectory, letting God, the creator of all rivers and all life, serve as the current that moves you ever onward. NN2.2022



Viewing “The Chosen”

The Reverend Anne Rodman has introduced us to the film series called “The Chosen” which presents the life and times of Jesus in stories true to the Gospels. It imagines what Jesus, the apostles, and other disciples may have been like. The description used by many “it brings the Gospels alive.” The series has an excellent cast and tells about the characters, providing back stories gleaned from clues in the bible.

There are three seasons of about eight episodes each, plus a couple of short Christmas specials.

The series is available for streaming on several services and is available for free from Angel Studios who produces the series. Got to: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch for yourself.

We are watching some of the episodes after church when Reverend Anne is with us. They run 45 to 60 minutes, and a short discussion has followed. Join us February 5 and 12 for the next two viewings.

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Remember to turn down the heat...

Just a reminder, now that the winter is nearly here: Please turn down the heat when leaving the parish hall or sanctuary. Please close all the fire doors. But leave the bathroom doors propped open to prevent the pipes from freezing! Thank you!

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





Upcoming Events

Along with the rummage sale on February 18, another will be planned for March 18.

The week after Easter brings the dinner plays on the April 14 and 15. Followed by a Tea put on by the Anniversary Committee.

May will likely see a yard sale on May 15.

And the beginning of our One-Ten Raffle ticket sales. It's worked very well to run the raffle over the summer.

June 9 is a cribbage or game night, another Anniversary event. We like to be part of the Main Street Association SummerFest held downtown in June.

Please let us know if you have a great idea for fundraising this year. We

need to get creative and appreciate your help.

Contact Loretta Smith or Ingrid Howard for details or offers to help.
Loretta@hiik.net
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200th Anniversary Events

Here is a partial list of events scheduled for our 200th Anniversary celebration:

Saturday, April 22, "It's Tea Time" 2 to 4pm

Friday, June 9 Cribbage or game night 7 to 9pm

Sunday, June 25 All Church Picnic 11am to 2pm

Sunday, October 8 Anniversary celebration and Luncheon 11 am to 2pm

Visit our Website & Facebook

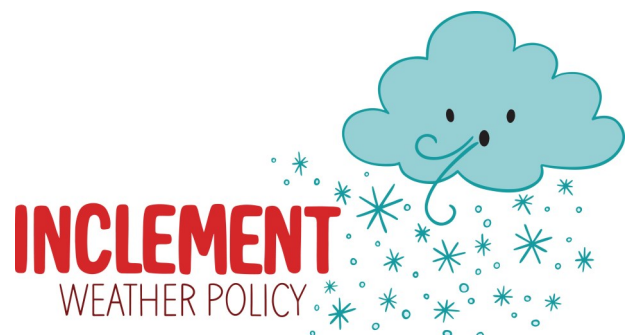
pages for the Calendar & more www.2CCWilton.org

In case of bad weather this winter...

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 our list.



Mission Possible

We give to grow strong

When the world is at its worst, it needs the church at its best — a strong church. We strengthen the church by giving. We give because we care deeply for Christ and his kingdom, and for the hurting humanity of our time. We give our time, our money, our energy and our talent. We give to promote and develop programs, resources, leadership, family life, evangelism and more. We give guidance, encouragement and help to those in need. We give to

establish new churches, new ministries and new missions. We give so the kingdom can grow — grow strong.

know him. We can do that in many ways — any place and any day.

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Mission is everywhere

The word “mission” often implies traveling to another country to teach and work. The work done in foreign missions is important, of course, but we can’t all make the trip. What we can do, however, is be faithful servants where we live. Mission is about putting the face and name of Jesus in front of those who don’t

Thank you to our Mission Possible team for doing so much in the community. Your works give Second Congregational Church a presence where we live and beyond.

Your Missions Committee for 2023 are: Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl, Becky Kennedy, Stephanie Ouellette and Jan Stone.



Musical Notes: You got to get a glory

The writer, Archibald Rutledge, once told the story of an experience he had on a ferryboat. The ferry always was foul-smelling and grimy. One day, however, when Rutledge boarded the ferry, he was pleased to find that it had been cleaned thoroughly. Even the engine room was spotless and the engine itself gleamed and shone.

Wondering what had caused the transformation, Rutledge discovered that the ferryboat had a new man in charge. Seeking out the fellow to compliment him, Rutledge asked, "How did you get it so clean?"

The captain replied, "It's this way: I got a glory."

When Berton Braley heard about the circumstances of the ferry and of what the captain said, he was inspired to write:

You got to get a glory in the work you do,
A Hallelujah chorus in the heart of you.
Sing or tell a story, paint or shovel coal,
But you got to get a glory or your job lacks soul.

-Berton Braley, in *The Saturday Evening Post*
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Lenten Signals

Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN.

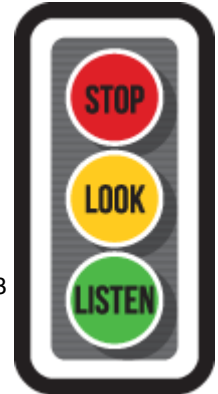
We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest a while - and to stop sinning.

Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

And we observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN - to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.

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Activity Schedule for 2023

We have dates scheduled on the Church Calendar in 2023 –the third weekend is reserved for most months for potential rummage sale or other activities that come up, plus for dates secured for plays and fairs. Scheduling on other dates will depend on availability on the Community Space calendar.

Please add the following to your calendars for 2023:

February 18 (set up 16 & 17)	August 19 (s/u 17 & 18)
March 18 (s/u 16 & 17)	September 23 (s/u 21 & 22)
April 14 & 15 dinner plays	October 21 (s/u 19 & 20)
May 20 (s/u 18 & 19)	November 10 & 11 dinner plays
June 17 (s/u 15 & 16)	December 2 Christmas Fair (set up Nov 30 & Dec 1)
July 22 (s/u 20 & 21)	

Revised Common Lectionary for February

February 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-6; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 11:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
February 19	Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
February 26	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-17; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
March 5	Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-14; John 4:5-42

The Revised Common Lectionary is provided so that you may explore more than just the Gospel that is read on Sunday morning. We hope you enjoy getting to know your Bible.

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Second Glances Thrift Shop*

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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

February is African American History Month
February 14 Valentine's Day
February 18 Rummage Sale 8-2pm
February 19 Transfiguration Sunday
February 20 Presidents Day
February 22 Ash Wednesday

2023



“Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.” Sally Koch

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