



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

# Church Matters



June 2023



## All Church Picnic



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our website  
[2ccWilton.org](http://2ccWilton.org)



Invite a  
Friend to Church  
Sundays  
10:00 am

Summer services  
9:30 am  
From June 18 to  
September 3



Our first anniversary event is planned for Sunday, June 4, 2023 as an ALL Church Picnic. After the worship hour there will be a time for memories, songs, games and fellowship as we enjoy a Potluck Lunch on our own property. Bring a salad, dessert, or side dish to share (enough for 6-8 people) at the "Sharing Tables." The church will provide drinks, utensils, and sandwiches / luncheon selections.

We expect to have a photo booth (indoors) and a sitting quiet circle while outside there will be live music and some fun family games.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 4 - 11:30  
POTLUCK LUNCH  
SONGS MEMORIES GAMES GOOD FOOD

### June dates to note:

June 25 - New Member Sunday

June 18 - Summer Hours Begin: Worship at 9:30am

### One-Ten Club Raffle Tickets on Sale Now

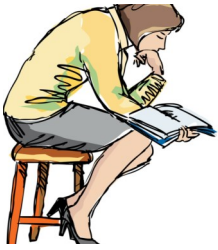
See Lori Dick or Loretta Sm

ith for tickets to purchase or sell.

We need your help to make this the best fundraiser of 2023!



## An open Thank You to our Search Committee



**“ We asked God for guidance. He spoke and we listened. ”**

We would like to give God thanks and praise for our wonderful pastoral search committee, who has work tirelessly for four years.

Many hours were spent creating a church profile that included old and recent history, dreams and aspirations, hard data and facts, and reviewing and updating our church by-laws.

Chairperson Leslie Tuttle kept meetings on task. Committee members include Deacons Lori Dick and Lamar Smith , Trustee

Peter Ouellette, committee chaplain Becky Kennedy, UCC delegate Ingrid Howard, and members Jan Stone, Kermit Williams and Loretta Smith.

Our profile was published with the UCC in late 2022. Three candidates were interviewed. We asked God for guidance. He spoke and we listened.

On May 14, The Reverend Gary Klingsporn, PhD, led our worship service as the candidate for Settled Pastor of Second Congregational Church.

Following the service, an all church meeting was held in the sanctuary to vote on calling Reverend Klingsporn as Settled Pastor. The result was...

We have a new Settled Pastor!

We praise God and warmly welcome Reverend Gary and his lovely wife, Debra, to Second Congregational Church.

## Dinner Play appreciation

Belatedly, we send a Big Thanks to everyone who made the Spring dinner plays in April a success. Special kudos go to Sue Jean for organizing the whole project and to Bill Goddard for directing the play and the Players. The two-act play was funny and entertaining.

The turkey dinners were delicious. Much appreciation to those that cooked the turkeys and baked the cakes for dessert. Thank you to the two kitchen crews that prepared the rest of the meal. Thank you to the waitstaff, who doubled as breakdown on Saturday night.

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## Housekeeping...

Don't forget, Wilton is a recycling town. Labeled bins are in the pantry. Please turn down the heat when leaving the parish hall or sanctuary and close all the fire doors. Thank you!

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





## Summer Volunteer Opportunities

The life of our church is displayed with our visibility in the community. We need your help and here are a few easy ways to do that:

Wilton Main Street SUMMERFEST 2023 will be held on June 24. We have a booth space lined up. We need someone to run the event, volunteers to work throughout the day, folks to make and package the fruit salad the night before.

One Ten Club Tickets - someone to sell tickets at the Summerfest. Someone to sell tickets in front of the post office or your favorite store. First Drawing is June 25.

July Rummage Sale scheduled for July 15. Need someone to run the event. Might be able to change to the following week - see Planning to discuss.

Don't forget the Christmas Fair. Calling all crafters! Work on your projects this summer!

Contact Ingrid or Loretta if you can help with some of these. Thank you! [Loretta@hiik.net](mailto:Loretta@hiik.net)




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*Cathedral of the Pines Service - August 27, more details coming*

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### *Stars and Stripes - Flag Day June 14*

Since the early 1800s various groups have observed a day to display the American flag. Presidents Woodrow Wilson (in 1916) and Calvin Coolidge (in 1927) issued proclamations marking June 14 as National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved June 14 as a day of national observance. President Harry Truman signed it into law.

The American flag has changed designs more than any other flag in the world. In fact, the United States didn't have a standardized flag until 1912! And even after standardization, the flag changed three more times with the addition of new stars representing new states. 6.07



## The Purpose of the Church



.He works on us in all sorts of ways. But above all, He works on us through each other. [People] are mirrors, or “carriers” of Christ to other [people]. Usually it is those who know Him that bring Him to others. That is why the Church, the whole body of Christians showing Him to one another, is so

important. It is so easy to think that the Church has a lot of different objects — education, building, missions, holding services. ... The Church exists for no other purpose but to draw [people] into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions,

sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose. It is even doubtful, you know, whether the whole universe was created for any other reason.

—C.S. Lewis  
NN 9.05

## Finding Freedom

Juneteenth, America’s newest federal holiday, marks the official end of slavery in the nation. President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Applying only to the states in the Confederacy, it declared “that all persons held as

slaves are, and henceforward shall be free.” But news of freedom didn’t reach Galveston, Texas, until June 19, 1865, when 2,000 Union troops arrived to enforce the decree. The U.S. Constitution’s 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which bans slavery, was ratified a few

months later. Just as freedom and justice came in fits and starts to the Israelites, so it comes to our own country and around the world, where the pursuit for justice continues.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*  
NN 6.23

## Musical Notes: Providence at Work

In 1722, St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Leipzig, Germany, was searching for an organist/choir director. Composer Georg Philipp Telemann was offered the job. He accepted but soon decided he would remain in Hamburg. Another composer, Christoph Graupner, was then offered the job, but his powerful employer would not release him to take the position.

Finally, a man named Johann Sebastian Bach was chosen for the job.

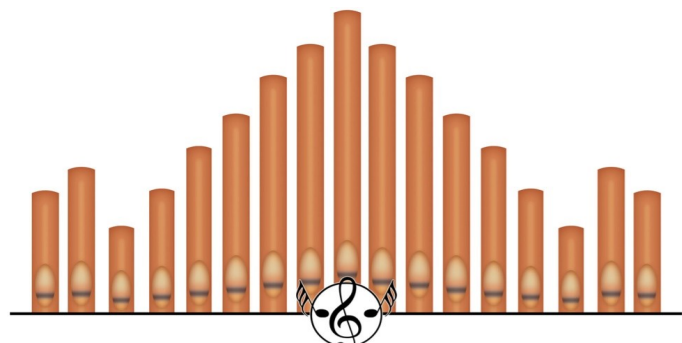
Bach was extremely productive, often writing an anthem a week. He played the organ, directed the choir

and taught music to students. He wrote monumental works such as St. Matthew’s Passion, which is still sung by choirs today.

Bach composed more than 300 cantatas, dozens of chorales, preludes, organ compositions and other musical works. More than 250 years after his death,

Bach’s music still brings inspiration to many.

Bach died at 65, while still composing and serving the church. Bach’s legendary service at St. Thomas Church reflects God’s providential care at work in him and through him.



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## Just like Dad

At the beginning of his ministry career, Jerry Steen supplemented his income by mixing animal feed. When his two young boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to the shower. "I didn't think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my older son doing something

very strange," Steen recalls. "He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants." Curious, the

father asked what the boy was doing. "I want to be dusty like you, Dad!" his son replied.

For Steen, that was an eye-opener. "I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father," he says, "a child could look up to



## Summer Solace



The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it

certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

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## Revised Common Lectionary for June

June 4 Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20  
 June 11 Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
 June 18 Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 19:2-8; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8  
 June 25 Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:24-39

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 10:00am in person & via zoom—SUMMER HOURS START 6/19 at 9:30am**

- June 4 Church Picnic 11am to 3pm
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 18 Father's Day - Summer Services starts at 9:30
- June 19 Juneteenth
- June 21 First Day of Summer!
- June 24 Wilton Main Street SUMMERFEST all day
- June 25 New Member Service 10am & First One-Ten Raffle drawings
- July 7 Cribbage-Cards-Game Night
- August 27 Cathedral of the Pines
- September 9 Choir Concert 4pm
- October 8 10AM Worship: Anniversary Blessing & Luncheon



***"The [person] who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones."*** Confucius

*All are Welcome*