



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

# Church Matters



July 2023



## 200th Anniversary Activities

The Church Picnic in June was loads of fun. The weather did not cooperate, but we had a great time. As always the food was awesome. We visited, ate well, visited some more, played bingo and visited some more. We also had a slide show of the dedication for the link. Thank you, Dana Dahl and the 200th Anniversary Committee, for putting together a great afternoon.

Coming Up:

Friday, July 7 (Cribbage, Cards and Games Night)

Saturday, September 9 4 PM Choir Concert with refreshments to follow

Sunday, October 8 10 AM Worship Anniversary Blessing and Luncheon

Also being planned is a book study and an historical presentation. We are looking forward to them!

Dana also asked if you have an idea for other activities that would help to celebrate not just the last 200 years, but accentuate the last 25 years. "Is there something/someone you'd like to bring forward as an Angel in the Church from the last 50 years that you'd like to see remembered or honored? Would you like to participate in "Bring your kid(s) back to Church Day"? There are no bad ideas!" Please send your suggestions to Dana [danaldahl@gmail.com](mailto:danaldahl@gmail.com) and she'll get back to you.



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Sundays  
Summer hours  
9:30 am



## Christmas Craft Fair - December 2

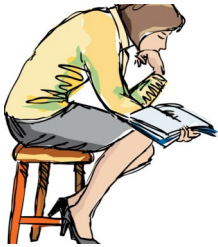
*It's never too early to plan for the Fair!*



### Are you game??

We are looking forward to Cribbage-Card-Game night in July 7. Interest has been expressed to re-start our monthly cribbage night. Are you interested? Let us know! Want to help get it going again? See Loretta or Dana.

## A month of changes



**“Come and see what’s happening here.”**

Second Congregational Church lost three wonderful members in June. Dennis and Marilyn Warner went to their new home in Vermont. Both have been faithful members of Second Congregational Church for many years, serving in various capacities: trustee, deacon, moderator. And serving on numerous committees as well. Dennis and Marilyn: we wish you well on the next chapter and hope you are able to come back and visit soon.

Also in June, Susan Warren went home to our Heavenly Father. Sue recently served as our flower committee and Son Shine person for many years. Sue shared her artistic talents whenever possible. If you have anything with beautiful calligraphy on it from 2CC, Sue did that! She offered ideas for events, parade floats and anything else that

needed a creative eye. Sue also made beautiful knitted items year-round for the Christmas Fairs. Her caring presence in our church-life will be missed.

Despite the losses, we look forward to carrying on with God’s work in our community.

Reverend Gary Klingsporn started his ministry at Second Congregational Church at the end of May. Joined by his lovely wife, Debra, Reverend Gary has shared a message of hope and grace during our time of transition.

And we are very excited to enter this new chapter at 2CC. Come and see what’s happening here.

And on June 25, we welcomed three new members to Second Congregational Church. We warmly welcomed Mary

Ellen and Jeff Gilson, as well as Kevin Jean, as part of our Sunday worship service that day. Kevin has been a long time supporter here. We look forward to getting to know Mary Ellen and Jeff better on our shared journey.

“We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.” (Goran Persson)

So, yes, June was a month of changes, both sad and glad, and we look forward to what comes next.

With blessings to all,

*Loretta*

“You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.”  
Woodrow Wilson

“Don’t tell me the sky’s the limit when there are footprints on the moon.”  
Paul Brandt

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## Remember to turn off the lights!!

Lights have been left on for all hours when no one is at the church. Please make sure that all lights are turned off when you leave!  
Thank you !!!

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





## Rummage Sales and More

We are gearing up for our next Rummage Sale on July 22. Please contact Ingrid or Loretta if you can help.

Thursday, July 20, 5:30 pm to set up tables, 6:00 to help pull out bins.

Friday 10 am to unpack bins and organize the tables.

Saturday 9-1pm for the sale  
Saturday 1pm to break down and take away.

Please respond the "call to action!" email or sign up in the link.

We also need someone to take over the planning of the rummage sales. We have them six to eight times per year. The processes are in place, and you would oversee the process.

Contact Loretta for more info.

Thanks for all!  
Loretta@hiik.net  
ingrid928@comcast.net



## Church Positions Open

There are a few openings for some key positions in the church. Please contact Leslie Tuttle or Jane Herlihy if you can help fill any of these spots or have specific questions on what the job entails. Some are ongoing; some are needed till the next annual meeting.

**Moderator**– presides over any church council meetings

**Son Shine person** - sends out cards for birthday, occasions, or support

**Flowers** - maintains the schedule of who provides altar flowers each week (can be combined with Son Shine position)

**Deacons** - oversees the spiritual needs of the church

**Church Treasurer for 2024** - see Dana Dahl for more information.

**Planning Committee** - see Loretta Smith

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Worship**

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 add you to our list.

## “Glocal” Christians



Often when we talk about living as a missionary, debate arises about whether we are to minister locally or go globally. The phrase glocal Christians means we’re to be both local and global in our mission. Jesus lays down a challenge that isn’t either/ or but both/and.

Being glocal involves being aware of your surrounding community as well as your larger world, and then entering into it with the love of Jesus. God is already at work out there. Our job is simply to have our eyes open to see him and join in

that labor.

As you and your church decide what part in God’s story you’re being asked to play, don’t fall into the debate about whether it’s in local ministry or global ministry. Be radical followers of Jesus in both. (Rev. Mike Paulson NN 7.24)

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Our Missions team works “glocally” every month, supporting local needs, like the Open Cupboard Pantry, scholarships, rummage sales, and others that help the community. We also do global projects like disaster

kits for Church World Services or the Heifer Project, among others.

Some of these works are funded from the church budget, but most are supported by the “Mission Possible” collection on the last Sunday of each month.

Thank you for your support that keeps our church “glocal”

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

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“Instructions for living a life. Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.”  
—Mary Oliver

“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other’s welfare, social justice can never be attained.”  
—Helen Keller

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## Musical Notes: Join the Church Choir

The brilliant Christian psychiatrist, Dr. Walter Menninger, said that singing in a church choir was very helpful to him. After an exhausting day at work, he found it inspirational and soothing to go to choir practice at his church. The music enabled him to put the stress of his day behind him, get in touch with something beautiful and holy, and end the day relaxed and uplifted.

Ask a choir member what singing in a choir does for him or her. It’s very likely that you’ll find he or she gets great joy in serving the Lord through singing. And remember, also, there is wonderful fellowship among choir members. Singing in a choir is a good way to make new friends. Try it.  
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## Prayer for July 4th

The following lines are from a long prayer, "That America Fulfil the Promise of Its Founding," by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Though written in 1945, it rings true yet today. (Full text at <https://tinyurl.com/nhc8747x>.)

O God, who is Liberator and Redeemer, Lawgiver and Judge, ...  
May America remain loyal  
to the principles of the Declaration of Independence,  
and extend their application  
to ever-widening areas of life.

Keep out of our life all manner of oppression,  
persecution,  
and unjust discrimination;  
save us from religious,  
racial and class conflicts;  
may our country be a haven of refuge  
to the victims of injustice and misrule.

Instruct us in the art of living together,  
of reconciling differences of opinion  
and averting clashes of interest,  
of helping one another  
to achieve a harmonious and abundant life ...

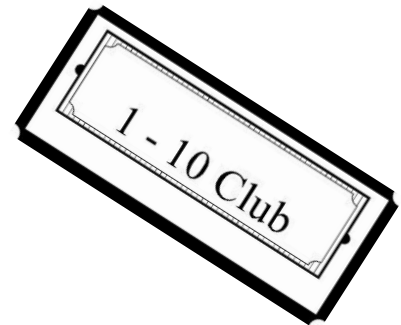
That the Star-Spangled Banner,  
the symbol of our American democracy,  
may ever wave o'er the land of the free  
and the home of the brave. Amen.



## One Ten Club Raffle Winners

Here are the Raffle Winners for the first couple of weeks:

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| June 25 | \$10 Shawn Walsh | \$20 Bill White       |
| July 2  | \$10 Shawn Walsh | \$20 Jenlian Chadwick |



## Revised Common Lectionary for July

July 2 Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42  
 July 9 Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30  
 July 16 Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
 July 23 Genesis 28:10-19; Psalm 139:1-12,23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 36:24-30,36-43  
 July 30 Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11; 1Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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 9:30 am in person & zoom

- July 1 - Canada Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 7 Cribbage-Cards-Game Night
- July 22 Rummage Sale 9-1pm
- August 19 Rummage Sale 9-1pm (TBA)
- August 27 Cathedral of the Pines
- September 9 Choir Concert 4pm
- October 8 10AM Worship: Anniversary Blessing & Luncheon
- December 2 Christmas Fair 9am to 2pm

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***"All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ"*** David Jeremiah

*All are Welcome*