



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

August 2023



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Invite a
Friend to Church
Sundays
9:30 am
Thru Labor Day



Lunch with the Pastor - August 10

On August 10, at noon, Church Missions invites you to come for lunch and a chance to sit and talk informally with Pastor Gary. We hope this will give everyone a chance to catch up with our church family. We request that you reserve a spot so we can have an idea of the number of people who will attend. There is a sheet in the link to sign up. You may also reserve by calling Stephanie Ouellette at 603-654-2282. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will arrange. Hope to see you there.

Cathedral of the Pines Service August 27, 10:30am

Our annual outdoor service at the Cathedral of the Pines will be held on Sunday, August 27, at 10:30AM. Our worship service takes place in the main chapel area overlooking Mount Monadnock. When the weather cooperates, the view is magnificent and a true display of God's majesty in nature. Light refreshments will be served after the service

Carpooling is encouraged, just let one of the deacons know so they can coordinate transportation. Plan on meeting at the church around 9:45.

The address is
Cathedral of the Pines
10 Hale Hill Road in Rindge
NH

NOTE: There will be no service in the sanctuary on August 27, just at the Cathedral of the Pines.



Dear Friends,

Notes

From  Reverend Gary

Reverend Gary Klingsporn

“ We hung the tapestry on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. It represented our life together as a church. ”

Debra and I have now been with you at Second Congregational Church for some ten weeks. When our family and friends ask us about you as a congregation, the first words out of our mouths are words like these: “a warm, friendly, welcoming, faith-filled people who love each other and care deeply about serving their community.” Debra and I are blessed to be among you!

As I have gotten to know you, I’m amazed at the volunteer outreach work you do in the community. I’m also aware of the long hours our leadership devote to caring for this church, its worship, pastoral care, and administrative tasks. As I look out over the congregation on Sunday mornings and as I’m visiting more of our members in their homes, I’m struck by how much all of you love your church, love each other, and have a healthy unity that not all churches have. You remind me of a tapestry of many decorative designs and pictures woven together into one beautiful piece of art.

That image comes to mind because a few years ago in a church I served we did a project called “Weaving

Our Lives Together.” We asked each member of the congregation to give a piece of cloth that was meaningful to them, and to tell why that piece of cloth was so meaningful. When

the pieces came in, there were all kinds of fabric: colorful pieces of shirts, handkerchiefs, baby blankets, neckties, scarves, linen napkins, pieces of pennants, tartans, beach towels, Christmas fabrics, and more. Each piece from each household had a story and special memories.

I remember walking through the church parlor one afternoon when some of the women of our church first laid all those pieces of cloth on the table. There was no rhyme or reason to them. It looked to me like there had been an explosion in a textile factory. The women were standing around the table studying all that material. I thought to myself, “How are they ever going to bring all these scraps of cloth together into one thing? And what on earth will that look like?”

The day finally came when the ladies had pieced and sewn all the pieces of cloth together into a beautiful quilted tapestry. They did a magnificent job. We hung the tapestry on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. It represented our life together as a church. On a table beneath the tapestry we laid a little book with the words from each member or family telling why their piece of fabric was so meaningful to them.

As Debra and I get to know all of you at Second Congregational Church, I’m reminded of that tapestry. All of you together are like a tapestry. The words of the apostle Paul come to mind:

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27).

Paul is speaking of the human body when he says, “Just as the body is one and has many members — feet, hands, ears, eyes — all with different functions — so we in the church are also many and have different functions.” Like the different parts of a human body, we differ in age, physical appearance, personality, skills, interests, and life experiences. We are all individually unique, but we are also one body. As a church, we are many, but one. We draw our life from God who is constantly at work among us to give us life, sustain us, and empower us in the work God calls us to do.

Yes, as Debra and I say, “You are a warm, friendly, welcoming, faith-filled people who love each other and care deeply about serving your community.” Like a beautiful tapestry, we are many, but one in Christ. Wouldn’t it be fun to have a tapestry hanging somewhere in our church with fabric from each of our households telling our stories? Just a thought....

Grace and peace,

Rev. Gary

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Rummage Sale August 20th

We weren't able to have our sale in July because of illness and not enough workers. So we are ON for Saturday, August 20, from 9am to 1pm. Workers needed for

Thursday, at 6:30pm to set up tables. Friday at 10am to put out goods. Saturday's sale is from 9am to 1pm. Breakdown is at 1pm. We'll need help for all that, plus to take away after the sale (goodwill, planetaid, or recycle center).

An email will go out shortly, as well as a sign-up sheet in the link.

Thanks for answering the call!

Loretta@hiik.net



Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

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Thy will be done



Placing ourselves completely into God's hands can be challenging. If you need help in that area, pray these words from Thomas à Kempis: "Lord, you know what is best. May your will decide what shall be done. Give what you will, how much you will and when you will. Do what you know is best for me. Do what pleases you and brings your name most honor.

"Put me where you will, and deal with me in all things as you please. I am in your hand — turn me backwards and forwards, turn me upside down. Here I am, your servant, ready for anything, for I have no desire to live for myself but only to live perfectly and worthily for you."

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Your mission dollars at work



Project Linus

Missions has collaborated with the Wilton Community Center on Project Linus. We meet twice a month, the second and fourth Tuesday, at 10:00. At our last meeting we had 11 women working on blankets for infants, youth and teens. So far this year we have delivered over 80 blankets to the Monadnock Chapter. The blankets are sorted and delivered to various agencies. In July, blankets were distributed to: Elliot Pediatrics and Elliot at River's Edge 1-Day Surgery, in Manchester; Friends of Forgotten Children; Nashua Soup Kitchen Shelter; Pregnancy Resource Center of the Monadnock Region; and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Sullivan County.

If you do not know how to crochet, we can teach you the simple stitch! Come join us any time.

Fidget Blankets

This is a new project started in April, again partnering with the Wilton Community Center. Fidget blankets are designed to quiet fidgety hands and minds of dementia patients as well as autistic residents. The blankets are intended to be stimulating with various textures and appliques as well as comforting with familiar tasks such as buttons and zippers. There was an announcement through the Wilton Community Center social media page, requesting sewing notions and fabric. The community responded with a wide variety of objects. The blanket sizes range from 18"x18" to 18"x24" and are made to be held on a lap or set on a table. The blankets take time to make as we want to ensure they are safe as well as interesting to

the recipients. We are also experimenting with fidget aprons as we received over 20 aprons from Edie Laminen that belonged to her mother. (Thank you, Edie!)

In May, we completed and delivered 8 blankets to St. Joseph's Occupational Department and an adult day care in Peterborough. In July 4 blankets and 2 aprons were delivered to The Elms nursing home in Milford. If you would like more information, please contact Stephanie at ouellette99@gmail.com

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

Musical Notes: Great church music

Some unknown writer said of the brilliant musician, Franz Joseph Haydn, that when Haydn thought of God, his heart leaped for joy, and he could not help but write music that did the same.

NN 9.02



PSALM 98:6

"I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music." J.S. Bach

"Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." —Martin Luther

Holy Trinity, in your mysterious three-in-one dance you call us to live in rhythm with your music and in harmony with one another. Help me do so in joy!

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Fidget Blankets

Here are some examples of the Fidget Blankets created by Church Missions and the community. Read more details about the program in "Your Mission Dollars at Work" on page 4.



Sign up sheets abound for lots of "little" thinks that make a "BIG" difference.



Scripture Readers
Snacks for Fellowship after Service
Altar Flowers

Scripture Reader:

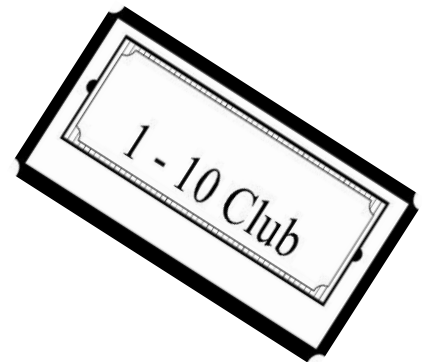
Thanks for volunteering!



One Ten Club Raffle Winners

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

June 25	\$10 Shawn Walsh	\$20 Bill White
July 2	\$10 Shawn Walsh	\$20 Jenlian Chadwick
July 9	\$10 Stephanie Ouellette	\$20 George Dahl
July 16	\$10 Darcy Bartsch	\$20 Kelly Jean
July 23	\$ Howard Gotham	\$20 Beth Flagler
July 30	\$10 Darcy Bartsch	\$20 Deb Degan



Revised Common Lectionary for August

August 6	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:17,15; Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14-13-21
August 13	Genesis 37:1-4,12-28; Psalm 105; 1Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
August 20	Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 12"1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
August 27	Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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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Worship Services - see below or email 2ccWilton@gmail.com for more info.

Each Sunday Church Service 9:30 am in person & zoom - until Labor Day

- August 10 Lunch with the Pastor noon
- August 22 Rummage Sale 9-1pm
- August 27 Cathedral of the Pines service 10:30 - no service at the church
- September 9 Choir Concert 4pm
- October 8 10AM Worship: Anniversary Blessing & Luncheon
- November 11 & 12 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
- December 2 Christmas Fair 9am to 2pm



“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” Vincent VanGogh

All are Welcome