



Second Congregational Church UCC· Wilton NH

Church Matters

September 2023



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



September 10
Services return
to 10 am



September



Anniversary Concert Music Memories

Free
Event

Celebrating
Second Congregational Church UCC Wilton
200 years of Faith, Fellowship, & Community
Featuring Local Artists & Choirs from the Wilton area

Join the Fun

Saturday, September 9, 4:00 PM
Refreshments — Door Prizes



Music thru Memories Concert

The Music thru Memories Concert, a 200th Anniversary Celebration for the Second Congregational Church is on Saturday, Sept 9, 2023 at 4 PM. The concert will include several local musicians along with our own faithful choir members highlighting compositions that are/were favorites in church and community. In addition to music performances, Wilton's Historical Society will present a brief history of the church and its involvement with the community over the last 200 years.

Join the fun and fellowship of music and community as we kick off the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Second Congregational Church. All participants and audience members will be invited to join in the singing of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" as written by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller to close the program. The concert is FREE and door prizes and refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

Your mission dollars at work



On August 10 more than twenty people came to a luncheon to introduce Pastor Gary. It was wonderful to share a meal with some people we have not seen for a while. We hope to sponsor another luncheon with the Pastor this fall so watch for the date in the October newsletter.

Our Linus project has recruited some new members. In August we completed twenty-four fleece blankets to give to the Monadnock Chapter of the Linus Blanket charity. These blankets will be distributed throughout the region to hospitals, Head Starts, police, fire and ambulance departments, to be given to children to comfort them. In August we had fifteen regular or new blanketeers. Mission dollars helps to support this project.

as well as donations from the Monadnock Chapter of the Linus Blankets. Church Missions also purchases fleece on a regular basis to keep us supplied. The Linus group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00 to 11:30.

The Fidget Blanket group continues to meet as well. This is a small group of dedicated women who spend a lot of time creating these special blankets for dementia patients in the area. Extra care is taken to ensure the blankets are safe as well as stimulating. In August we donated five blankets to an Adult Day Care in Peterborough. In the future we plan to make donations to more local nursing homes in our area. If you are interested in this project, please ask Stephanie Ouellette for more

details. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 9 to 11:30 in the church hall.

Do you have an idea for a mission or project? We would love to hear from you. Please share your ideas with anyone on the Missions Committee. We continue to be in awe of the generosity our congregation shows towards Missions' projects. Thank you!

Submitted by Stephanie Ouellette, with Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl, Becky Kennedy and Jan Stone

Musical Notes: Surprised by Grace

Austrian composer Franz Schubert (1797-1828) was deeply pious, and much of his music stirs people to pray.

In a letter written to his father after he finished a soul-touching hymn, Schubert said that at times devotion involuntarily overpowered him. It was then, he wrote, that "the piety I give voice to is genuine and deeply felt."

What Schubert felt was God's prevenient grace. This theological term refers to God's touching a person and revealing his love even before the person calls upon him. God's grace (unmerited love) sometimes is bestowed on a person in a sudden and indescribable way even though the person isn't praying. It is God's loving touch. It is God's love, which may come to us at any time or in any place.

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Editor's Note: Due to technology difficulties, we have a shorter newsletter this month. Hopefully, those issues will be resolved before October! Thank you for your patience! Loretta April Smith

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Rummage Sale August 20th

The August Rummage Sale was awesome. We made \$471.00. Thank you to everyone who helped out. We had a few new folks and that was great.

The next Rummage Sale is September 23. An email will go out shortly, as well as a sign-up sheet in the link.

Thanks for answering the call!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
 September 23 Rummage
 October 21 Rummage
 November 10 & 11 Dinner Plays (tbd)
 December 2 Christmas Fair

We'd love to have some FUN events, so bring us some ideas!

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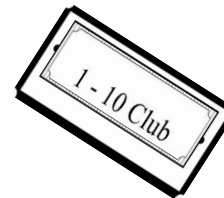


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One Ten Club Raffle Winners

Here are the Raffle Winners for these weeks:

July 30	\$10 Darcy Bartsch	\$20 Deb Degan
August 6	\$10 John Krueger	\$20 Blumm Family
August 13	\$10 Anna Bartsch	\$20 Josh Bartsch
August 20	\$10 Jim Dermody	\$20



Week 10 Drawings will be held September 3rd as we were at the Cathedral of the Pines on August 27. Look for the "grand prize" winners!

Revised Common Lectionary for September

- Sept 3 Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
- Sept 10 Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Ezekial 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- Sept 17 Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
- Sept 24 Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 145; Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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

September 3 Labor Day
September 9 Choir Concert 4pm
September 11 Patriot Day
September 23 First Day of Summer
October 8 10AM Worship: Anniversary Blessing & Luncheon
November 11 & 12 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
December 2 Christmas Fair 9am to 2pm

2023



"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a lover letter to the world." Mother Teresa

All are Welcome