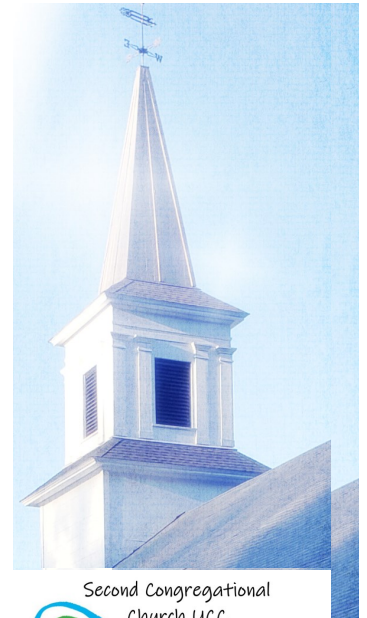


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Prayers in the Park: June 26, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 26, Second Congregational Church will hold an evening service in the Wilton Main Street Park at 6:30 PM. What a wonderful way to bring our “community church” into the community! Details are still being finalized, but expect music and fellowship to be a part of the evening.

Wilton Summerfest 2024: June 22

Saturday, June 22, is Wilton Main Street’s Summerfest event. This is an all day affair of family fun, filled with entertainment, food, and crafters. Fireworks at Carnival Hill caps it all off. Originally, started as the Arts & Film Festival, the Main Street Association took up the baton and has carried on, creating Summerfest .

Second Congregational Church will have a booth to promote our church in the community, sell raffle tickets, and provide water to the thirsty and food for the soul! We need someone to take charge to coordinate this for us. If this is you, please see Loretta Smith.

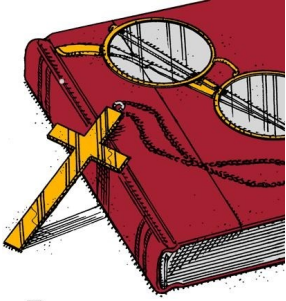
Wilton Old Home Days Meeting

Our next OHD planning meeting will be on Sunday, June 2, after service, at approximately 11:35 AM. Events planned by the church are listed in the sidebar on page 3. Please come and bring your ideas as we finalize what we are doing.

ABOUT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- **Established in 1823**
- **The Reverend Gary Klingsporn
Pastor**
- **Sunday Worship Service 10:00
(Summer services at 9:30)**
- **Sunday Services are on ZOOM**
- **Open & Affirming (ONA)**
- **In partnership with and home of
the Wilton Collaborative Space**
- **Contact 2ccwilton@gmail.com for
ZOOM information**
- **www.2ccwilton.org for full
church calendar, weekly sermons
and more**
- **Follow us on Facebook: Second
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Living Discipleship



Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
Hebrews 12:2

“Discipleship means adherence to Christ..”

Housekeeping Notes

Turn off lights and turn down the heat to 60 degrees.

Leave bathroom doors ajar to prevent freezing pipes.

In case of inclement weather, we will advise thru WMUR if we need to cancel in person worship. We will meet via Zoom.

Del, our Administrative Assistant, emails the bulletins and the link to Zoom every Friday. If you are not receiving this email, contact the church by email

2ccwilton@gmail.com or phone 603-654-9045. Provide name and email address and we'll add you to the list. Thank you!

Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was hanged by the Nazis in April 1945, taught that Christianity and discipleship are intertwined. “Discipleship means adherence to Christ,” he wrote in *The Cost of Discipleship*. “An abstract Christology, a doctrinal system, a general religious knowledge ... render discipleship superfluous”

Bonhoeffer continued, “With an abstract idea, it is possible to enter into a relation of formal knowledge, to become enthusiastic about it, and perhaps even to put it into practice; but it can never be followed in personal obedience. Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.” [NN 4.24]

New to our Library in the Link is *Letters and Papers from Prison*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This reprinted version includes

additional correspondence and insights, which bring life to Bonhoeffer’s theological passages.

If the life of this fascinating man interests you, another recommendation (not in the Link Library) is a biography, titled *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy: A Righteous Gentile vs the Third Reich*, by Eric Metaxis. From the publisher’s notes: The son of a famous German psychiatrist, Dietrich studied in Berlin and in New York City. He left the safety of the United States, to return to Germany and continue his public rejection of the Nazi regime, which led to his arrest in 1943, and his ultimate execution.

If you have an Audible/Amazon audio book subscription, several of Bonhoeffer’s books are available for free. These include *The Cost of Discipleship*, *God is in the Manger*, *Life Together*, and *Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible*. (Some audio books are also available at your local library.)

Bible Study Update

Pastor Gary led a Bible Study in April and May based on the Sermon on the Mount. Attended by 10 to 15 people each week, the study started with historical context before beginning with the Beatitudes in Matthew Chapter 5 and over six weeks working through to the end Chapter 7.

The series was well received and whether you were able to attend all or just a couple, the conversations were interactive providing a better understanding of the Gospel.

Later this year, there will be another study, possibly on the Psalms. More information will be forthcoming.



June Events

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the May Books Bags & Baubles sale. It made \$416.00, A very good sale indeed!

The next events are:

- June 15, 6 to 8pm. Family Game Night
- June 22, 8 to 4pm. Wilton Summerfest (see page 1)
- July 20, 9 to 2pm. Rummage & Yard Sale
- August 10 to 18 Wilton Old Home Days

If you would like to help on these events, or others, please see or email Loretta Smith or Ingrid Howard, your Planning Committee
ingrid928@comcast.net or lorettaapril@gmail.com.
We'd love to hear your ideas too!

What Forgiveness is - and is not

Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning. It is the lifting of a burden or cancelling of a debt.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Book Nook: What's New in the Library

There is a new book in the church library entitled: "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart" by Kenneth C. Hauch, Ph.D. This book will be used in the upcoming Lay Visitation Classes.

If you are unable to attend these classes, you may want to check this book out. It is an excellent resource book with answers to questions on how to relate to those who are suffering.

Come peruse the newly organized library. You are sure to find many books of interest.

If you would like to submit a book review, we will be glad to put it in the book review notebook.

Violet Blake and Rachel Doehner

Wilton Old Home Day Planner August 10 to 18

UPDATED INFO

As in past years, Second Congregational Church will be participating in the quinquennial event known as Wilton Old Home Days (OHD).

A planning group has had a few meetings and here are some ideas we decided upon.

- ◇ Ham & Bean Supper
- ◇ Booth at the Flat
- ◇ Parade Float
- ◇ 200th Anniversary/Renovations
- ◇ Food Auction
- ◇ Game or Puzzle Night
- ◇ Raffles: One Ten Club and a big-ticket item drawing.
- ◇ Homecoming Service at Church followed by Brunch

We will need lots of help to make this all happen. Does one task call you to take charge of that portion? Please consider how you can help.

All are welcome to the next OHD planning meeting on Sunday, June 2, after service at about 11:30.



Second Chances

We are creating this space to exchange gently used items: maybe puzzles, an extra rake, terra cotta pots or if you are looking for something.

A couple of lines with your phone # or email and a brief description.

There is this limited space and items will be listed in the order received.

Let us know.

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Missions Updates

The April "Mission Possible" collection totaled \$210.00. We continue to support the Linus Project, supplying fleece and yarn. Each month we donate at least 25 completed blankets to the Monadnock Chapter.

In May, Missions requested donations of small personal toiletries and snacks for comfort bags for the homeless. Once again, our Congregation is so generous. We had enough supplies to compile over 40 comfort bags which included a drink, soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, tissues and several snacks. On May 26, Alexandra Lominy, from the homeless mission in Manchester, spoke during our service, detailing how this mission works.

Thank you once again for your support of our Missions. We could

not do this without you! In April, one of our Missions members, Jan Stone, moved to Florida. We will really miss her energy and spirit, and wish her all the best in her new home. In May, we asked Rachel Doehner to join Missions and she said yes! We look forward to working with Rachel on current and new missions. Welcome, Rachel!

We are still accepting applications for the annual scholarship to graduating seniors. If you have a graduate in your family, please speak to someone in Missions and we will get an application to you.

Submitted by Stephanie Ouellette, with Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl, Rachel Doehner and Becky Kennedy

A Fantastic Ladies Night Out

On a Monday night in May, several women, led by Debra Klingsporn, met at a local restaurant for a wonderful night out of good food and good company, getting to know each other better. It was great fun and we hope more outings are in the future! Listen for announcements and more details!

How Deep is Your Faith?

Lyrics to the Bee Gees' 1970s hit song "How Deep Is Your Love" came to mind as I pondered the "depths" of my faith. Sometimes I prefer to stay securely in the shallow end, while other times I fearlessly launch off the diving board, ready and willing to be drenched by God's love.

If you've ever tried to coax young swimmers to jump into the deep end of a pool, you may remember their excitement (and relief) after they finally take the plunge into your arms. To experience that joy in your spiritual life, evaluate your location in your own faith "pool." Are you wading safely in the shallows or exploring the freedom of the depths?

No matter where you are, you can jump confidently into Jesus' outstretched arms. From the edge, hear his promises: "Jump in! I'll catch you! I'll keep you safe! Trust me!"



Relay for Life: Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

Relay for Life of Southern New Hampshire is conducting it's annual event on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 11:30am to 8:00pm, and held at Pinkerton Academy's Memorial Field.

Relay For Life is more than a walk – it's a chance to come together in your local community to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against every cancer as we come together for every life.

Be a part of the global community of passionate supporters working to help end cancer as we know it, for everyone. For more information and to donate, go to the RelayforLife.org/SouthernNH or speak with Bernie Doehner who will be walking.

There's no such thing as too many candles.



The Luminaria Ceremony
Homemade paper lanterns, decorated with the names of loved ones. Make a donation for a Luminaria to honor someone and help the American Cancer Society continue to fight cancer on all fronts.

Milford Pride Event - June 1

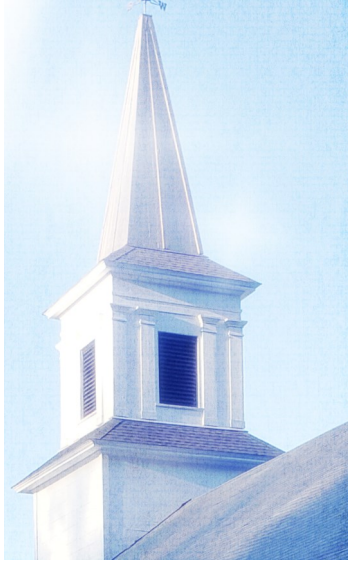
Rain-or-shine, on **Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm**, the **Milford Pride Fest 2024** will be held at "The Stage" at **Keyes Memorial Field** in Milford, New Hampshire. Help celebrate diversity, inclusivity, and the spirit of togetherness.

More info about the event is on Facebook and on the Milford NH PRIDE website.

Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

<p><u>Proper 4 (9)</u> Second Sunday after Pentecost June 2, 2024</p>	<p>1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 4:5-12</p>	<p>Mark 2:23-3:6</p>
<p><u>Proper 5 (10)</u> Third Sunday after Pentecost June 9, 2024</p>	<p>1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) Psalm 138</p>	<p>Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1</p>	<p>Mark 3:20-35</p>
<p><u>Proper 6 (11)</u> Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 2024</p>	<p>1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 Psalm 20</p>	<p>Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17</p>	<p>Mark 4:26-34</p>
<p><u>Proper 7 (12)</u> Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024</p>	<p>1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20</p>	<p>Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</p>	<p>Mark 4:35-41</p>
<p><u>Proper 8 (13)</u> Sixth Sunday after Pentecost June 30, 2024</p>	<p>2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130</p>	<p>Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 8:7-15</p>	<p>Mark 5:21-4</p>

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Each Sunday Church Service 10:00 am in person & zoom

- June 1 Milford Pride Fest 2024 12 to 4pm - see page 5
- June 15 Game Night 6 to 8pm
- June 22 Wilton Summerfest all day & fireworks at night
- June 26 Wednesday Evening Service in the Park 6:30pm
- July 20 Rummage & Yard Sale
- August 10 to 18 Wilton Old Home Days Celebration
- September 8 Cathedral of the Pines service 10:30am



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