

Second Congregational Church UCC - Wilton NH

Church Matters

October
2024



October 19, 9 am to 1 pm

A Different Type of Rummage Sale

Our next rummage sale on October 19 is geared towards the cold and the crafty! Be cool with some new jewels! With the cold coming, we'll have some coats for sale—most will be \$5.00—and some plants to make your indoors more warm and inviting!

While you are staying warm, you need some craft supplies to make indoor time Craft Time! We have some yarn, lots of beads, and some other things to get your creative juices flowing!

Featuring



Jewelry-Craft Supplies-Plants-Coats

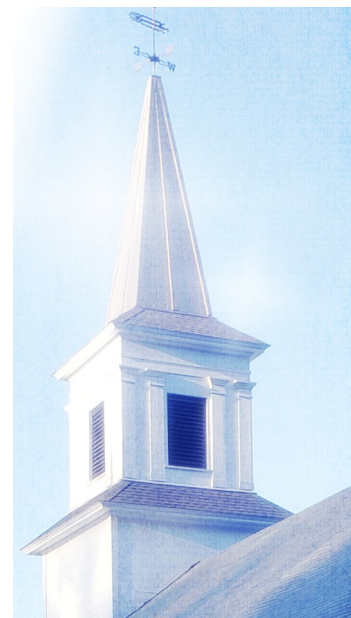


Get Ready for the Fall Dinner Plays!

“Talent Show Fair”

November 8th and 9th

Homestyle Pork Roast Dinner



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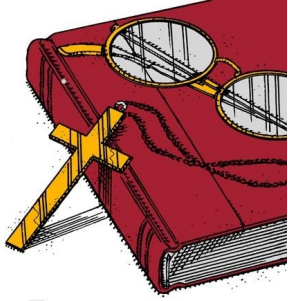
All are
Welcome!

Be you.
Be here.
Belong!

Established 1823

ABOUT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- The Reverend Gary Klingsporn
Pastor
- Sunday Worship Service 10:00
(Summer services at 9:30)
- Sunday Services are on ZOOM
- Contact 2ccwilton@gmail.com
for ZOOM information
- www.2ccwilton.org for full
church calendar, weekly
sermons and more
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Let us keep our eyes
on Jesus, the author and
perfector of our faith.
Hebrews 12:2

In God's hands, we are ...
beautiful, whole and complete

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!

The Quilter

Her name was Esther and she worked magic with scraps of fabric. Bits of this and that destined for the landfill until placed in the gnarled, calloused hands of a woman whose face was lined with years of living. In Esther's hands, no longer were they mismatched scraps of random used clothing. Oh no. She transformed remnants of clothing into works of art, a much needed source of warmth.

Esther was Pastor Gary's mom and she quilted longer than many people live. Her world reached no farther than the grocery store, the church, and the occasional trips to the homes of her grown sons. Her home was simple and her face uncluttered with makeup or mascara.

Yet when her quilting frame came out and the marking pen went to work, her fingers flew with practiced ease between the fabric and threaded needle. Esther was a textile artist, but I'm sure she didn't see it that way. In her way of thinking, she simply made something functional, something to meet a need. Yet to the outside observer, she created bits of eternity, transforming ordinary

calicos and muslin into something breathtakingly beautiful. Watching her work, I found myself thinking of what a parable of God's love her quilting provided.

We are bits of this and that. With our lives often fragmented and torn, we can feel like remnants. Yet this Master Quilter, this God of grace in whom nothing is wasted, pieces together the torn, the fragmented, the remnants.

In God's hands, we are becoming beautiful, whole, and complete. The more fragmented the pieces of our lives, the more intricate the divine design becomes. And in the end, who knows what warmth, what comfort, our lives will have offered to others. In the Quilter's hands nothing is wasted.

*Lord, every day I give you the
fragments and the pieces of my life,
and trust the completion process to
your divine design.*

Grace upon grace,

Debra Klingsporn

Neighbors in Need Offering October 6

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is "Mental Health Justice for All!" In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ (UCC) passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey. As you may recall, one-third of the NIN offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

The Neighbors in Need mission offering will be received on Sunday,
October 6, 2024

Many Thanks for OHD Success



It's Fall Y'all!

We had a terrific Rummage/Yard Sale in September. Thanks to all worked hard to make that a success.

We had a great September's Family Game Night was well attended with almost 30 folks - from young kids to seniors - who showed up to play BINGO! We had some snacks, won some great prizes and had a blast!

October brings another sort-of Rummage Sale, focusing on Jewelry, Craft Supplies (get ready for Christmas!), Plants and Coats.

Dinner plays follow in early November. We are going to do things just a little different: Kitchen help will be in two over-lapping shifts. 4 to 7ish for food prep to serving, then 6:45 to 9 for serving and clean-up. Waitstaff is same 6:30 pm to clean up.

The Players have been practicing since September. "Talent Show Fail" is the title and it sounds pretty funny. Get your tickets early from Sue Jean.

Then we need to get ready for the Christmas Fair, which is Saturday, December 7 from 9am to 2pm. Get your awesome crafts done, plan your baking, and your shopping (at the sale).. More to come on Christmas next month!

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Book Nook: In the Grip of Grace

"Exchange the pressure of accomplishment for the peace of God's grace." These are words from Max Lucado's *In the Grip of Grace: Your Father always caught you, He still does.*

"When the world demands: achieve, succeed, earn, God says: lean on me, trust me, believe me.

"That is grace. And that is what God offers: unconditional acceptance of a believing heart. Your heavenly Father loves you enough to hold you in his grace.

"Pastor and *New York Times* bestselling author Max Lucado will help you release a false sense of self-sufficiency. rest in God's unbending and unending gift of grace, and help you to remember that God is for you and will carry you through every circumstance." (from publisher's review)

"Today, leap from the cliff of self-sufficiency and land in the strong arms of the Father who loves you . . . the Father who catches you—every time—in the grip of his grace." from maxlucado.com

Planning Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER RUMMAGE SALE:

10/18 SET UP 10AM

10/19 SALE DAY: 9AM to 1PM with Breakdown at 1PM

DINNER PLAYS

NOVEMBER 8 & 9

KITCHEN HELP 4PM TO 7:15 PM AND 6:45PM TO 9PM

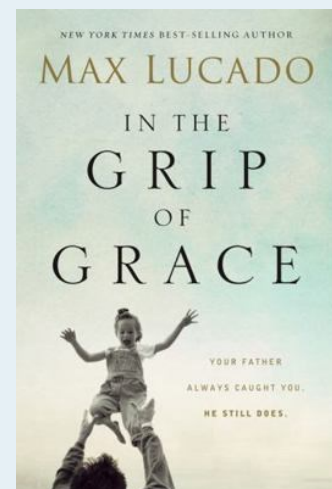
WAITSTAFF 6:30 PM TO 9PM

CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 7

9 TO 2PM

SET UP ON 12/6.

JANUARY We need someone to coordinate a January rummage sale and/or a game night. See Ingrid or Loretta





Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying

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Missions

Project Linus continues to meet twice per month the second and fourth Tuesdays, at 10:00, am in the parish hall. If you would like to help, please come. Supplies are provided and we can teach you everything you need to know.

We continue to gather donations for the Open Cupboard Pantry. There is a basket in the Link.

We are beginning to discuss year-end projects, such as Thanksgiving Bags, Christmas, and such. Suggestions welcome.

If you have an idea for a mission, please speak to Missions. Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl, Rachel Doehner, Becky Kennedy and Stephanie Ouellette.

Music to a Pastor's Ear

1. We were just getting ready to leave for church when company came — so we brought them with us.
2. I know it looks impossible, but with God's help we can do it.
3. Of course I'll accept that responsibility. It will be a privilege.
4. I'm willing to help in any way I can.
5. God was really speaking to me through you during today's service.
6. I'll be glad to help you with visitations.

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Musical Notes: Stop, Look & Listen

Literature, painting, music — the most basic lesson that all art teaches us is to stop, look and listen to life on this planet, including our own lives, as a vastly richer, deeper, more mysterious business than most of the time it ever occurs to us to suspect as we bumble along from day to day on automatic pilot.

When Jesus [says] that the greatest command of all is to love God and to love our neighbor, he too is asking us to pay attention. If we are to love God, we must first stop, look and listen for him in what is happening around us and inside us. If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.

—Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*

Common Ground

“Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God,” says pastor Jeremy Basset. “A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church.”

That’s a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October. Christians don’t take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don’t baptize ourselves. We don’t learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can’t have Christian fellowship by ourselves.

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ’s body (Ephesians 5:30) and “belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for “our common salvation” (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.

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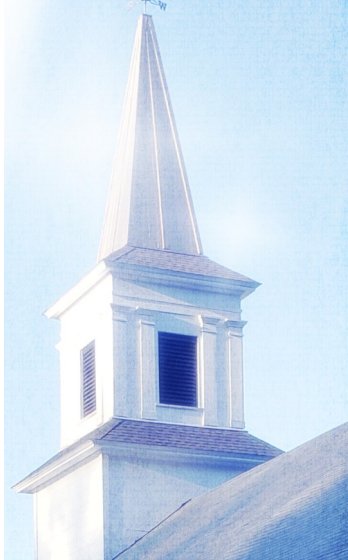


“Not seeing results? Feel like giving up? Consider this: the last thing to grow on a fruit tree Is the fruit.”
unknown

Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

<p><u>Proper 22 (27)</u> Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2024</p>	<p>Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26</p>	<p>Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8</p>	<p>Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12</p>	<p>Mark 10:2-16</p>
<p><u>Proper 23 (28)</u> Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2024</p>	<p>Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15</p>	<p>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17</p>	<p>Hebrews 4:12-16</p>	<p>Mark 10:17-31</p>
<p><u>Canadian Thanksgiving Day</u> October 14, 2024</p>	<p>Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126</p>		<p>1 Timothy 2:1-7</p>	<p>Matthew 6:25-33</p>
<p><u>Proper 24 (29)</u> Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2024</p>	<p>Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16</p>	<p>Hebrews 5:1-10</p>	<p>Mark 10:35-45</p>
<p><u>Proper 25 (30)</u> Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 2024</p>	<p>Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126</p>	<p>Hebrews 7:23-28</p>	<p>Mark 10:46-52</p>

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

- October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
- October 6 World Communion Sunday
- October 14 Columbus Day observed
- October 14 Indigenous Peoples Day
- October 19 Plants, Coats, Jewelry & Craft Supply Sale
9am to 1pm
- October 27 Reformation Sunday
- October 31 Reformation Day
- October 31 Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!
- November 8 & 9 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
- December 7 Christmas Craft Fair

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"It is great wisdom to know how to be silent." John of the Cross