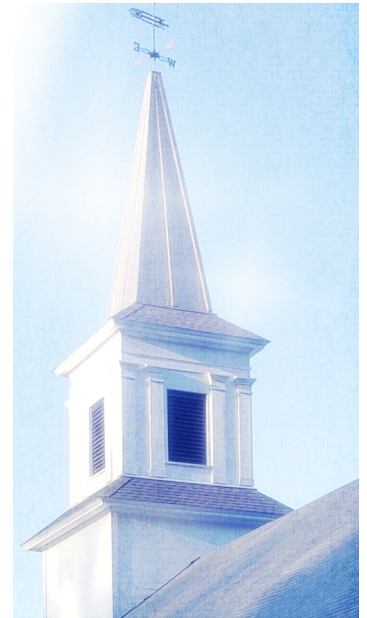


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Church Matters

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Fall Dinner Plays - November 8 & 9

The plays are coming soon! Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9, 7pm the curtains open on "Talent Show Fail", a play in two acts. Our Fall Dinner is Roasted Pork Loin, served with homemade applesauce, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fresh garden salad and dessert, of course!

Tickets for this delicious dinner are \$20 per person. Between dinner and dessert, be prepared for a lot of laughs. Call Sue Jean for tickets, reservations required: 654-2255

Here are the details on the play:



The town of Wilton has terrible roads, and the citizens are counting on the money raised from this year's talent show to fix them. Unfortunately, the one guy who has a talent wants to do taxes onstage this year. As the host, Timmy is determined the show must go on, even as duets are being hastily converted to solos, angsty teens are reading upsetting poetry and everyone's being hounded by a heckler. Will the town of Wilton get their act together or are they doomed to a future of potholes and pickle poisonings? Find out in this warm and winning community comedy!

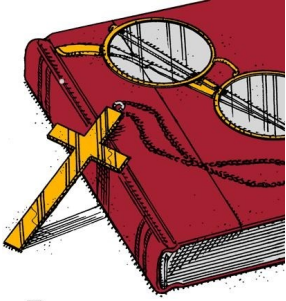
Call for tickets now! See you in November!



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
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- www.2ccwilton.org for full
church calendar, weekly
sermons and more
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- Established in 1823

Intentional Acts of Kindness



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

“Discard frustration and anger, and proceed with kindness.”

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!

One evening many years ago, I was at my wit's end. I was having one of those parental moments of pulling my hair out in frustration. I don't recall which kid or which situation, but I sat at my desk, near tears, saying my usual prayer of “give me strength.” The answer to that prayer was a Voice, clear and strong, that said “Try kindness.” I was alone, but I heard it clearly. “Is that you, God? It's just me here.”

I took a deep breath and contemplated how I could “Try kindness” for the crisis du jour. It would never work, I thought. But the next day, I did it: I discarded my frustration and anger, and proceeded with kindness. Lo! and Behold! It worked.

Over the years since, I have put “Try kindness” into practice and it certainly changes the outcome. Of course it does; God doesn't give flimsy advice!

Being human, I don't always jump to kindness first, but it's always in the back of my mind and I eventually come around. Co-worker being a jerk? Disarmed with kindness. Tantruming child? Calmed by kind words. Me freaking out? Yup, I can be kind to myself too.

In kindness mode, I'm more patient, thoughtful, understanding, accepting, and forgiving. And, dare I say, more Christian.

From Paul's letter to the Ephesians 4:32: “Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ forgave you.”

Blessings and a kind Thanksgiving to all.



Everyday Saints

Everyday things, relationships with other people, daily work, love of our family — all these may breed saints.

Jesus of Nazareth taught us to live every hour of the day as saints. Every hour of the day is useful and may lead to divine inspiration, the will of the Father, the prayer of contemplation — holiness. Every hour of the day is holy. What matters is to live it as Jesus taught us.

And for this, one does not have to shut oneself in a monastery or fix strange and inhumane [regimens] for one's life. It is enough to accept the realities of life. Work is one of these realities; motherhood, the rearing of children, family life with all its obligations are others.

—Carlo Carretto, *Letters From the Desert*

Gearing up for the Christmas Fair



We are thinking about the Christmas Fair which is just a month away! The fair is Saturday, December 7 from 9am to 2pm. Get your awesome crafts done, plan your baking, and plan your shopping (at the sale). If you have a great idea for something new, please let us know. We'd love to hear about it.

And tell everyone you know to come to the Christmas Fair!

PS: We have the best Santa pictures in town!

Sign up sheets for workers will go up after the Dinner Plays are over, or see Ingrid or Loretta

Loretta Smith and Ingrid Howard, your Planning Committee
ingrid928@comcast.net or lorettaapril@gmail.com.

Book Nook: Searching for Sunday

For many folks life is too busy, too hectic, too difficult to make it to church every Sunday, but they come for the big days: christenings, weddings, funerals, Christmas, Easter. To some, church is something old, something out of touch with the times, irrelevant to modern life. And for many, church doesn't include folks like them, or so they think.

There are two books in the Nook that take a look at the relevance and function of church today, and try to answer the question: Why be part of the church? Below is the flyleaf overviews for one these two books. The other will be featured next month.

Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church by Rachel Held Evans

From *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Held Evans comes a book that is both a heartfelt ode to the past and hopeful gaze into the future of what it means to be a part of the Church. Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it.

Centered around seven sacraments, Evans' quest takes readers through a liturgical year with stories about baptism, communion, confirmation, confession, marriage, vocation, and death that are funny, heartbreaking, and sharply honest.

A memoir about making do and taking risks, about the messiness of community and the power of grace, *Searching for Sunday* is about overcoming cynicism to find hope and, somewhere in between, Church.

Prayerfully submitted,
eQuanimiti Joy (4.2018)

Planning Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DINNER PLAYS

NOVEMBER 8 & 9

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

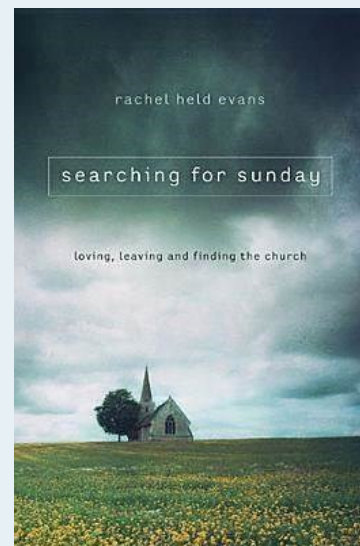
WAITSTAFF 6:30 PM TO 9PM

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





Missions

Thank you for your Mission Possible contributions each month. Our congregation is more than generous!

The Linus Blanket group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at 10:00, in the parish hall. Supplies provided, just bring yourself!

Thanksgiving gift bags for elders and shut-ins are in the works. Listen for announcements on those.

We are also working on our donation list for charitable organizations for the end of the year.

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

Veterans Day Salute

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country — or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.

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Musical Notes:

The Extraordinary Amid the Ordinary

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about \$30 by the time he concluded.

Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world's best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth \$3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged \$100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don't notice. You're offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it's not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life's calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as "nothing special," just an "ordinary" person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than ... God's Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!

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Just One Vote...

In 1649 one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649 one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.

In 1776 one vote gave America the English language instead of German.

In 1845 one vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868 one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1876 one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States.

In 1876 one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

And in 1923 one vote gave Adolf Hitler the leadership of the Nazi party.

-The Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, Willard, Ohio November 1998



**Tuesday
November 5, 2024**

One-Ten Club Winners

Thank you to all who purchased One-Ten Raffle Tickets this year. We raised approximately \$1700 with this year's ticket sales. And the lucky winners are:

Week 1 Parker Dick \$10, Jim Tuttle \$20

Week 2 Krystal Jensen \$10, Kelby Boderick \$20

Week 3 Paula Goodwin \$10, Arty Deschene \$20

Week 4 Liam Hickey \$10, Ben Macki \$20

Week 5 Mikayla Broderick \$10, R. Kennedy \$20

Week 6 Eric Facey \$10, Gillian Lynch \$20

Week 7 Everleigh Morrissette \$10, Adam Henchy \$20

Week 8 Becky Kennedy \$10, George Dahl Sr \$20

Week 9 Donna Patterson \$10, Jessie Salisbury \$20

Week 10 Teddy Henchy \$10, R. Kennedy \$20

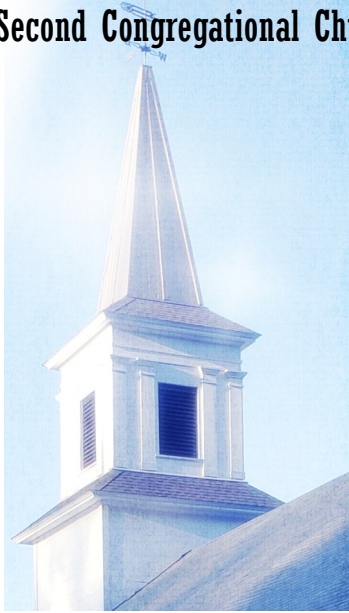
Week 10 Grand Prize Winners:

Lida MacMaster \$50, Michael Demmons \$100

Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

Proper 26 (31) Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 3, 2024	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Proper 27 (32) Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Proper 28 (33) Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2024	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost November 24, 2024	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

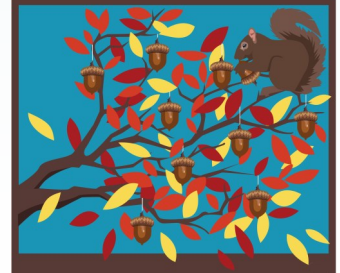
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Each Sunday Church Service 10:00 am in person & zoom

- November 1 All Saints Day
- November 3 Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 8 & 9 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 24 Christ the King Sunday
- November 28 Thanksgiving Day
- December 7 Christmas Craft Fair
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 25 Christmas Day

NOVEMBER



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“Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future.” François Fénelon