

Second Congregational Church UCC - Wilton NH

Church Matters

May
2025

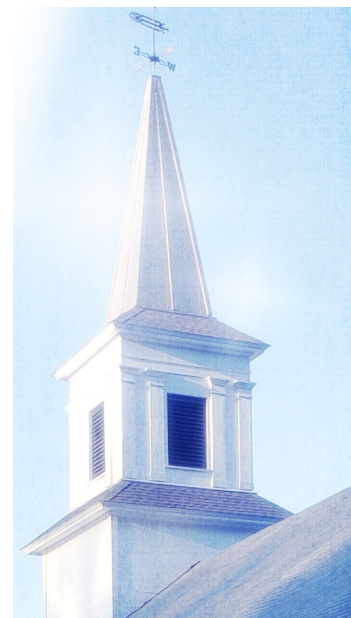


May 17, 9 am to 1 pm

Rummage Sale featuring craft supplies

Our next rummage sale on Saturday, May 17, and will feature craft supplies. Here's a great opportunity to try a new craft with a small investment. If you have any craft items lying around, this is also a chance to clear out and trim down your supply!

We have some yarn, lots of beads, and some other things to get your creative juices flowing! Our usual rummage clothing and yard sale items will still be here. See you on May 17!



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Get Ready for Summer Fanfair and Food Auction

July 19th - all day event with
Crafts, Plants, Games, Kids
Activities and Lunch

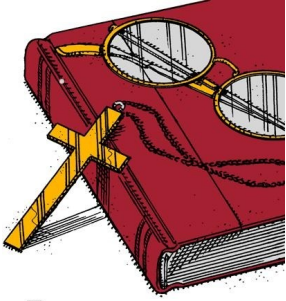
More Details are Coming



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
- Follow on Facebook: Second
Congregational Church
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- Established in 1823

A Mother's Day Remembrance



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

*"Love one another, seek what
unites not what may seem to
separate you from the other."*

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!

For Mothers Day this year, I have been thinking about my own grandmother. Grammy Daley was a mother and grandmother to all who passed through her doors. She raised eleven children of her own and cared for many more, including several grandchildren and a few others when parents were not available.

Everyone spoke of Grammy with love and affection. Often gratitude was expressed for beds or meals offered when someone was down on their luck. No one went away hungry. There was always room for one more.

At her funeral in 1975, her priest, Father Comtois, described her with these words taken from Proverbs Chapter 31:

"She is worth more than precious gems. ... She is an energetic hard worker and watches for bargains. She works far into the night... She reaches out her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy... She is really a woman of strength and dignity. When she speaks her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says. ... Her children stand and bless her. They praise her with these words. There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all."

Father Comtois added his own thoughts to Grammy's homily:
"By her kindness, sincerity, and honesty, she knew how to win the hearts of her

friends and neighbors, and everybody who knew her loved her in return. But what struck me most was the sincere affection, devotion, love and concern that each of her children lavished on their mother."

Grammy Daley died at the age of ninety, when I was only fifteen. Her legacy to me and the rest of the family, is still felt deeply. I cherish the short time I had with her. I strive to be even half the woman she was and I can only hope to have such an impact on my own family.

Father Comtois added the following message as directed by my grandmother and even though it was her farewell prayer to us, it speaks to me today just as importantly as it did fifty years ago:

"My dear children, love one another, seek what unites not what may seem to separate you from the other. As I take leave or better still, as I say until we meet again, let me remind you of the most important things in life. Our blessed Savior, Jesus, His gospel, His Holy Church. I shall remember all, and you, in return, pray for me."

Thank you for letting me share these thoughts. Happy Mothers Day to all and many blessings.

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A Prayer for Mother's Day

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Planning Committee News



May Rummage/Yard Sale is on May 17, 9am to 1pm.
Sign up now to help with set up, sale or breakdown

June Rummage Sale is on June 21, 9 am to 1pm. We have decided to not put up a booth for the downtown event, but do our regular sale at the church parish hall.

2CC Summer Fanfair and Food Auction! July 19. More details are coming but we are bringing back our own Summer Fair... There will be tables selling jewelry, plants, crafts and more; music, kids activities, hot dogs and balloons. At 1:00 there will be a Food Auction.

Loretta Smith, Becca Lorden. and Ingrid Howard, your Planning Committee
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lorettaapril@gmail.com.

On Memorial Day

Remember the words Abraham Lincoln spoke at the dedication of the national cemetery on the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania:

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take

increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom"

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Book Nook: The Sunflower

"You are a prisoner in a concentration camp. A dying Nazi soldier asks for your forgiveness. What would you do?"

While imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp, Simon Wiesenthal was taken one day from his work detail to the bedside of a dying member of the SS. Haunted by the crimes in which he had participated, the soldier wanted to confess to--and obtain absolution from--a Jew. Faced with the choice between compassion and justice, silence and truth, Wiesenthal said nothing. But even years after the war had ended, he wondered: Had he done the right thing? What would you have done in his place?

In this important book, fifty-three distinguished men and women respond to Wiesenthal's questions. They are theologians, political leaders, writers, jurists, psychiatrists, human rights activists, Holocaust survivors, and victims of attempted genocides in Bosnia, Cambodia, China and Tibet. Their responses, as varied as their experiences of the world, remind us that Wiesenthal's questions are not limited to events of the past. "

From the publisher's notes

Planning Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MAY RUMMAGE SALE:

5/16 SET UP 10AM

5/17 SALE DAY: 9AM to 1PM with Breakdown at 1PM

JUNE 21 RUMMAGE SALE

6/20 SET UP 10AM

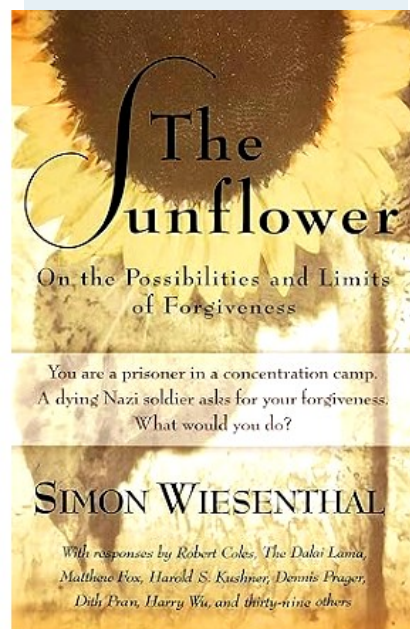
6/21 SALE 9AM to 1PM with Breakdown at 1PM

JULY 19—2CC SUMMER FANFAIR & FOOD AUCTION

SEE LORETTA OR BECCA ON WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 6

9 TO 2PM, SET UP ON 12/6.





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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God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and **God** in him.

1 John 4:16

Missions

On April 24, Missions sponsored Lunch with the Pastor. It was a beautiful day, sunny and warm. We served fifteen people corn chowder, chicken soup, sandwiches and desserts. Everyone enjoyed the get together and agreed we should have another gathering soon. The idea was suggested to have an afternoon tea. Stay tuned.....

Church Missions continues to support our growing Linus Blankets group. In April we completed thirty-seven blankets! This is a record amount for one month. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00.

Thank you for your continued support of our monthly "Mission Possible" collection. Without your generosity we would not be able to support our local and global missions.

Applications for graduating high school senior scholarships are available. Please email Stephanie at ouellette99@gmail.com for a copy. The scholarships will be awarded in June, with first priority going to our church family.

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

"Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Musical Notes: Keep Trying

In *The God Who Stays*, contemporary Christian musician Matthew West writes about the pandemic's fear-filled early days. After his concert tour was abruptly canceled in March 2020, he rode to an airport "feeling utterly hopeless about a world that was spinning out of control."

Then Arthur, his ride-share driver, began singing along to the radio — and the song happened to be West's "The God Who Stays." West joined in, jokingly asking how he sounded. "Not so good," Arthur replied, not knowing West's identity. "You keep trying."

The driver shared how those lyrics uplifted him during life's difficulties, and West later recalled that conversation during lockdown, while wondering where God was. The musician realized he had "settled for a socially distant relationship with the One who is nearer than I dare to believe, closer than the air I breathe." But West pictured "God running toward me with open arms like the prodigal's father," and he resolved to keep trying — and to grow closer to the God who always stays.

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Reflecting on Resurrection

In *Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig*, poet Joyce Rupp finds in spring flowers the proclamation of the gospel: “we who have died / are alive today.” In another poem in the same volume, she writes: “A green shoot grows / out of an old tree stump, / announcing to the world / that power lies within death.”

As you move about outdoors these springtime days in the northern hemisphere, where do you see

nature testifying to resurrection? Where is evidence that what seemed dead — bare branches, dry grass, inactive seeds — was not in fact the final word? What encourages you to believe in renewal, second chances, life that blossoms from death? In what ways are you, who had died, alive today? Part of your life that felt like an old stump might be sprouting green shoots after all!

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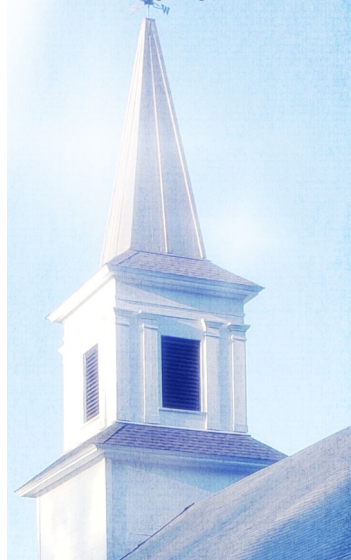


“Never yet was a Springtime, when the buds forgot to bloom.”
Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u> May 04, 2025	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Psalms 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u> May 11, 2025	Acts 9:36-43	Psalms 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> May 18, 2025	Acts 11:1-18	Psalms 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> May 25, 2025	Acts 16:9-15	Psalms 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> Jun 01, 2025	Acts 16:16-34	Psalms 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26

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

May 1 National Day of Prayer

May 11 Mother's Day

May 17 Armed Forces Day

May 17 Rummage/Yard Sale 9am to 1pm

May 19 Victoria Day (Canada)

May 26 Memorial Day

May 29 Ascension Day

June 21 Rummage Sale 9am to 1pm

Wilton Main Street Summerfest

June 25 Wednesday 6pm Service in the Park (TBA)

July 19 2CC SUMMER FANFAIR RETURNS!

December 6 Christmas Craft Fair



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"Life is not measured by how much one owns." Jesus (Luke 12:15)

