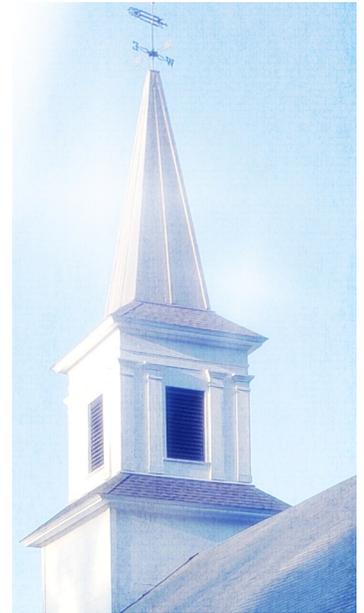


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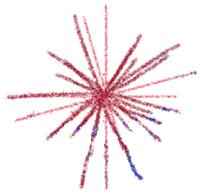
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Welcome!

Be you.
Be here.
Belong!

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SATURDAY
JULY 19. 9AM TO 2PM
SUMMER
Fair

CRAFTS ~ FOOD ~ MUSIC

KIDS ACTIVITIES

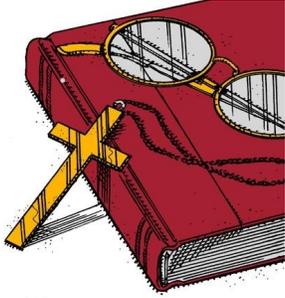
FOOD AUCTION AT 1PM



ABOUT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- The Reverend Gary Klingsporn
Pastor
- Sunday Worship Service 10:00
- Sunday Services are on ZOOM
- Contact 2ccwilton@gmail.com
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sermons and more
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Perspectives on Patriotism



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

“patriotism perfected... it’s a love for nation that doesn’t pit it against other nations.”

Housekeeping Notes

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

WE RECYCLE! Please put the cans and bottles in the right bin!
Thank you!

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!

While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus’ example in Luke 19:41-44. “Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation — so much so that he cried over it,” he writes in Christianity Today. “He didn’t despise his country or wish ill upon it — instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings.”

This example of “patriotism perfected” can serve as a guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. “It’s an example that’s both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It’s not a nationalistic patriotism — it’s a love for nation that doesn’t pit it against other nations. Instead, it’s a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings.”

Put another way, God doesn’t love America more than any other nation. And he doesn’t want us to worship our nation alongside him, because that is idolatry. Instead, we are to love and proclaim God above any earthly realm. [NN 7.25]

We hope everyone has a Safe and Joyful Fourth of July!



“Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear”
Catherine of Siena

Calling all Crafters for July 19

If you have any interesting crafts of handmade goods, we’d love donations for the Craft Booth at the Summer Fair. If you have enough items to sell yourself, we have room for some “vendors” for a small fee: \$25.00 plus a donated item for a future Silent Auction. Bring your own tent and table.

Donations for the church’s booths can be crafts, food items, plants (clippings or potted), garden items (extra tomatoes or what-have-you).

We will have music until 1pm when the Food Auction begins. Activities for children will be available, as well. Our Missions Group will show some of their projects. A snack bar will be selling a quick lunch for any hungry folks!

Spread the word and let everyone know that our Summer Fair is Back! Bring your family, friends, co-workers.

Planning Committee News



THE SUMMER FAIR IS HERE!!!

We are so excited to have the Summer Fair back this year.

Volunteer Opportunities for Summer Fair

- Take a poster to put up. Tell everyone you know to come to the Fair & Auction
- We will need people to man the booths. And to help with the Auction. Look for sign up sheets or respond to emails.
- Food Table donations
- Craft items (see opposite page)
- Food Auction Items—We need everyone to help on this. This needs to be the biggest event of the summer.

See any of us for more information on any of these.

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lorettaapril@gmail.com.

“Wonder is the heaviest element on the periodic table; even the tiniest fleck of it stops time.” Diane Ackerman

Book Nook: The Gift of the Bible

Certain parts of the Bible are hard to understand — and even harder to explain to children. But the late Rachel Held Evans made a start, and then coauthor Matthew Paul Turner completed *What Is the Bible?* This picture book can help adults as well as kids receive the gift of Scripture.

The Bible is often described as a library of books. Held and Turner explain that it’s also many different kinds of writing: stories, poems, wise sayings, songs, letters. Scripture tells of Creation, good and evil rulers, miraculous events, animals that spoke or brought food to hungry people, even monsters!

The best part, the authors write, is that “in the Bible we meet Jesus, who teaches us new things about God, faith, and ourselves” — above all, that God loves us. “And if a story in [Scripture] is confusing or scary or sad, we can imagine how Jesus, who loves us, might tell us that story.”

Bible scholars call this “the canon within the canon.” As Christians, we read all other parts of Scripture through the lens of the Gospels, where we meet God *in person*, as Jesus. Similarly, 500 years ago Martin Luther called the Bible “the cradle that holds the Christ.” That’s a word-picture even children can grasp!
NN 7.25

Planning Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER FAIR 7/19 9 TO 2

SEE ARTICLE ON LEFT

AUGUST RUMMAGE SALE:

8/15 SET UP 10AM

8/16 SALE DAY: 9AM to

1PM with Breakdown at 1PM

SEPTEMBER RUMMAGE SALE:

9/19 SET UP 10AM

9/20 SALE DAY: 9AM to

1PM with Breakdown at 1PM

DINNER PLAYS (TBA)

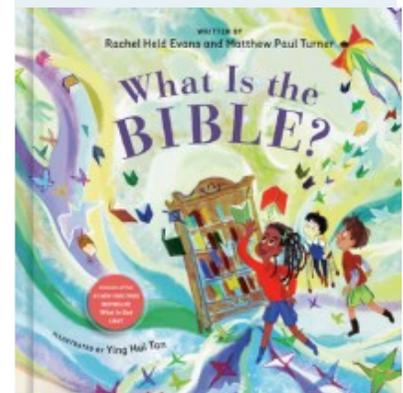
NOVEMBER 7 & 8

KITCHEN HELP 4PM TO 7:15

PM AND 6:45PM TO 9PM

WAITSTAFF 6:30 PM TO 9PM

CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 6





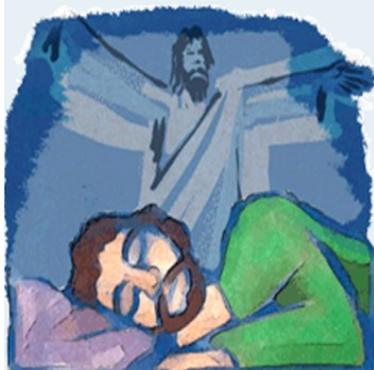
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Missions

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations for the group Bridges. Everything donated will be brought to their office so they can distribute as needed. We donated gently used linen and bedding, throw blankets, household cleaners and personal care items, among other things.

Our Potluck dinner, held on June 12th was a great success. There were 18 people who came to share a meal and fellowship. If you missed the first one, we are sponsoring another on July 10th. The hours will be the same, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30, but we invite you to come early and play cribbage or scrabble, or just to sit and visit. Missions will be providing drinks and desserts again. We hope to see you there.

Missions, with the help of your generosity through the monthly "Mission Possible" collection continues to support the Linus Blanket and Fidget groups, providing the materials we need to make blankets. The Linus group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, from 10 to 11:30. We provide all the supplies. If you would like to knit or crochet, we have lots of yarn. Linus also accepts burp cloths, hats, mittens and scarves. Please contact anyone on Missions if you are interested.

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

Musical Notes: Resting in Jesus

An old hymn declares:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad.
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
(Horatius Bonar, 1846)

Many people these days feel exhausted by division, the news, hatred that seems louder than love. More than ever, we who are "weary, worn, and sad" need to hear Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest."

Jesus wants to be our resting place — but not so we can hide forever from reality. Instead, he offers a place of refreshment where we can relax long enough to remember that not everything is bad; there is gospel to share. Not everything is hatred; God's love is stronger.

Resting in Jesus, we focus on God's goodness. We are reminded of love shown by kind people to those in trouble, bold voices speaking for justice, warm friendships that brighten our days. Gladdened by rest, we rise again. Jesus walks with us, as always. We can lean on him every step of the way.

—Heidi Hyland Mann NN 3.25

Floating on Faith

As a man and his young daughter were boating one day, their vessel sprang a leak. The father knew he'd have to swim to shore but couldn't with the child in tow. She hadn't gotten far in swimming lessons but could float on her back, so he told her to do so and promised to return.

Coast Guard personnel were skeptical that a child could survive so long in the water. But hours later, as the sun set and they considered halting the search, someone spied a red dress amid the waves. The girl, still floating, was singing a hymn. Astounded, rescuers asked how she held on so long. "My daddy said he'd come back for me," she said, "and he never breaks his promises."

Prayer rests on just such trust. We can't know when God will answer or act, but we know he promises never to abandon us and that God keeps his promises. So we can lie back and float — on faith.

NN 5.19

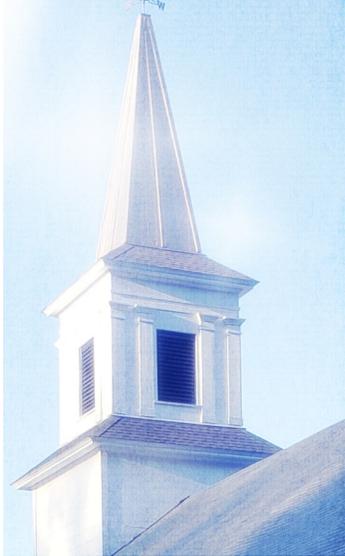


“Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air, and you.”
Langston Hughes

Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jul 06, 2025	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jul 13, 2025	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
<i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jul 20, 2025	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
<i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jul 27, 2025	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 03, 2025	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

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

- July 1 Canada Day
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 10 Community Potluck Supper 4:30 to 7pm
- July 19 2CC Summer Fair & Food Auction
- August 16 Rummage Sale 9am to 1pm
- September 20 Rummage Sale 9am to 1pm
- October 18 Rummage Sale 9am to 1pm
- November 7 & 8 Fall Dinner Plays (TBA)
- December 6 Christmas Craft Fair



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"Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor without faith." Alexis de Tocqueville

