

Second Congregational Church UCC - Wilton NH

# Church Matters October 2025



October 18, 9 am to 1 pm

## Rummage Sale

Our next rummage sale on October 18 is geared towards the cold and the crafty! With the cold coming, we'll have some coats for sale—most will be \$5.00—as well as the usual Rummage.

While you are staying warm, you need some 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: Craft Supplies & Coats



### Get Ready for the Fall Dinner Play!

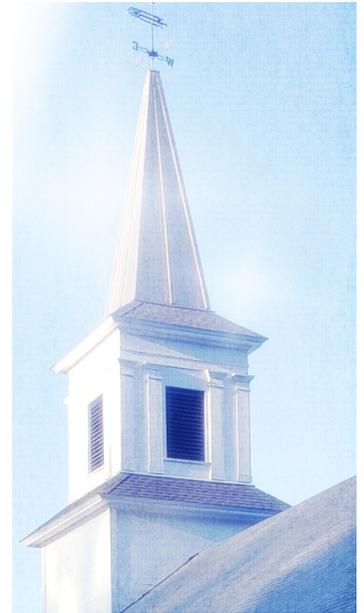
November 7th and 8th

### Homestyle Pork Roast Dinner

\$20/person - see Sue Jean for Tickets!



Play details on page 3



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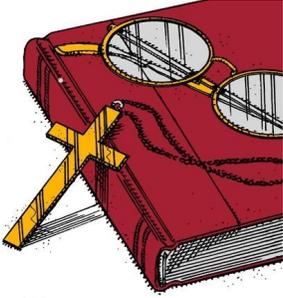


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#### ABOUT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- The Reverend Gary Klingsporn Pastor
- Sunday Worship Service 10:00
- Sunday Services are on ZOOM
- Contact [2ccwilton@gmail.com](mailto:2ccwilton@gmail.com) for ZOOM information
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- Follow on Facebook: Second Congregational Church Wilton NH
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# The Beauty of Stewardship



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

“When we properly use the .. resources that God allows us to manage, we find great joy.”

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

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources - basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty,

such good things to see or eat or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam, we tilled and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well. Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

That is the beauty of stewardship.  
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## Appreciate and Act

October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month, reminding church members to thank their hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God's work.

In *User Friendly Churches* (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church's ministry. "They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith was their lifestyle," Barna writes. "They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers."

By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. "They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands," Barna notes, "nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces."

Appreciate your pastors, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!

## Planning Committee News



We participated in the Wilton Community Center's Town-wide Yard Sale and we had a terrific Rummage/Yard Sale as a result. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make that a success.

This month's Rummage Sale on October 18, is focusing on Craft Supplies (get ready for Christmas!) and Coats.

The Players have been practicing since September. Dinner will be a Roast Pork with salad, vegetables and dessert. Get your tickets early from Sue Jean which helps with planning. \$20 per person gets you an awesome meal and great evening of entertainment.

Again, we would like to set up the kitchen help with two over-lapping shifts. 4 to 7ish for food prep to serving, then 6:45 to 9 for serving and clean-up. No changes for waitstaff which is from 6:30 pm to clean up.

Then we need to get ready for the Christmas Fair, which is Saturday, December 6 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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## Fall Play: The Hitchin' Post

Everybody knows that whatever you need, you can find it at Hurley Squoonk's general store, The Hitchin' Post. Run by Hurley himself, who is always behind the counter, this sort of "everything store" serves as a meeting place for the locals.

There's Pinch Burdett, who spends all his time hawking his wife's jams and making up stories; Mrs. Bishop, a feisty lady who got thrown out of the town's softball tournament; and Gloria or "Glow Worm" a romantic teen who camps out at Hurley's magazine stan.

But the normal laid back pace changes when a young couple from out of town enter: Lyge Daugerfield, something of a mama's boy, and his fiancée, Purdy MacKendrick, have picked today to elope and are in a bit of a hurry. Little does anyone know, his overbearing mother and her meek secretary have put the bumbling Sheriff Bumgarden on their trail to stop the wedding.

And if this weren't enough, two brothers Roy and Earl, burst in to hold up the store! Only their weapon turns out to be.... Well, it gets crazy here. This hilarious slice of life outside of a Texas town will keep you in stitches.

Bill Goddard is directing the Parish Hall Players. The shows are November 7 and 8, at 7pm. A Pork Roast Dinner will be served. Tickets are \$20/person. Reservations needed. Call Sue @ 603-654-2255 now for your tickets.

## Planning Committee

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### OCTOBER RUMMAGE SALE:

10/17 SET UP 10AM

10/18 SALE DAY: 9AM to 1PM with Breakdown at 1PM

#### DINNER PLAYS

#### 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

9 TO 2PM

SET UP ON 12/6.

JANUARY We need you on the Planning Committee for 2026.

See Becca, Ingrid or Loretta to see how you can help.





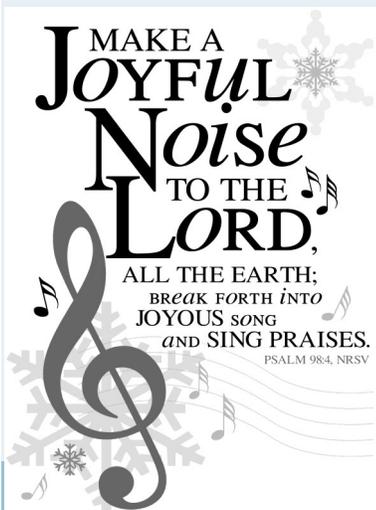
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Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying

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## Your Mission Dollars at Work

Project Linus continues to meet twice per month the second and fourth Tuesdays, at 10:00, am in the parish hall. We average thirty or more blankets per month. This month, five went directly to Wilton's first responders. If you would like to help, please come. We have all the supplies needed and can teach you everything you need to know.

A lunch with the pastor is being scheduled for October. More details will be provided as they are finalized.

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

Let us know your ideas for year-end projects, such as Thanksgiving Bags, Christmas, and such. Suggestions are always welcome.

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

## Providence and Pastries

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, God answered my prayer! On the eighth time around the block, there it was! NN 10.25

## Musical Notes: The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"* (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness. NN 10.25

# The Power of Prayer Warriors

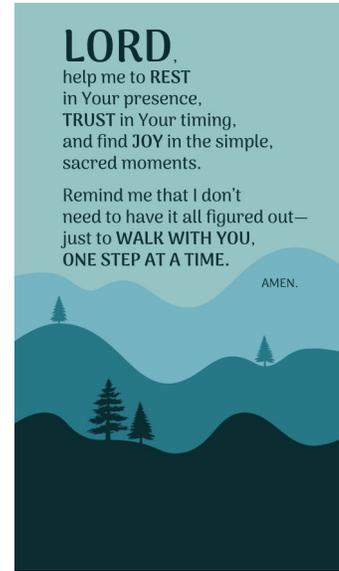
Prayer warriors are spiritual soldiers—men and women who faithfully lift others in prayer, often behind the scenes. Though their work may go unnoticed by the world, it is deeply valued by God. Their intercession can strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving, and open doors for God’s will to be done.

In Scripture, we are urged to "pray one for another" (James 5:16, KJV), reminding us that healing and restoration often come through the prayers of the faithful. A prayer warrior stands in the gap, bringing needs before the Lord with boldness and persistence.

The Apostle Paul recognized the power of prayer, often asking others to pray for him as he shared the gospel. In the same way, prayer warriors today uphold churches, pastors, families, and communities.

Their prayers may be silent, but their impact is might. Never underestimate the difference a praying heart can make.

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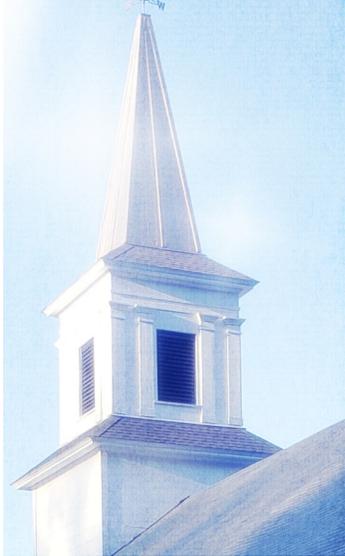


*“It is easy to be independent when you’ve got money. But to be independent when you haven’t got a thing, that’s the Lord’s test.” Mahalia Jackson*

## Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

<a href="#">Proper 22 (27)</a>  <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 05, 2025	Lamentations 1:1-6  Lamentations 3:19-26 or <i>Psalm 137</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
<a href="#">Proper 23 (28)</a>  <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 12, 2025	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  Psalm 66:1-12	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
<a href="#">Proper 24 (29)</a>  <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 19, 2025	Jeremiah 31:27-34  Psalm 119:97-104	Genesis 32:22-31  Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
<a href="#">Proper 25 (30)</a>  <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 26, 2025	Joel 2:23-32  Psalm 65	Sirach 35:12-17 or <i>Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</i>  Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
<a href="#">Proper 25 (30)</a> <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 27, 2024	Job 42:1-6, 10-17  Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)	Jeremiah 31:7-9  Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

# Second Congregational Church UCC Wilton NH



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

September 15 to October 15 Hispanic Heritage Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

October 5 World Communion Sunday

October 12 Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 13 Columbus Day observed, Indigenous Peoples Day, Canadian Thanksgiving

October 18 Rummage Sale 9am to 1pm

October 26 Reformation Sunday

November 7 & 8 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm

December 6 Christmas Craft Fair



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*Martin Luther*

