

Second Congregational Church UCC - Wilton NH

Church Matters

November
2025



Get Ready for the Fall Dinner Plays!

“The Hitchin’ Post”

Whatever you need, you can find it at Hurley Squoonk’s general store. The Hitchin’ Post is a sort of “everything store” that is the meeting place for the locals. Like Pinch Burdett, Mrs. Bishop, and romantic teen Gloria, aka “Glow Worm”.

When a young couple from out of town enter: mama’s boy Lyle Daugerfield, and his fiancée, Purdy MacKendrick, are in a bit of a hurry to elope. Little does anyone know, his overbearing mother and her meek secretary have put the bumbling Sheriff Bumgarden on their trail to stop the wedding.

Add brothers Roy and Earl, who burst in to hold up the store! 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.

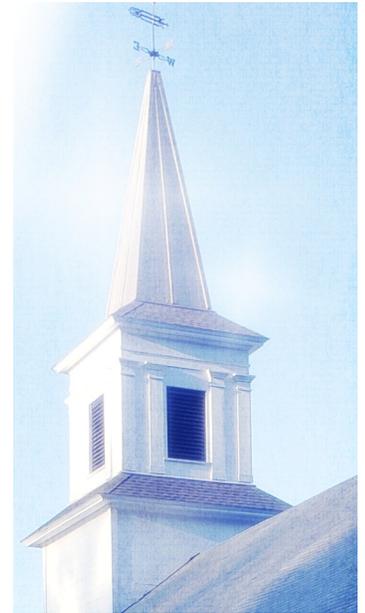


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Homestyle Pork Roast Dinner

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For Reservations



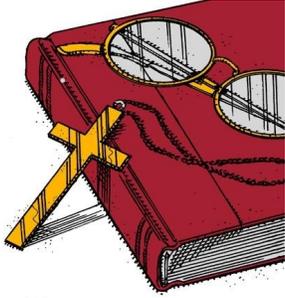
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Established 1823

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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- Established in 1823



Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter 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!

Thanks for All Things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?



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A Day to Honor Veterans

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."



Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV)

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Planning Committee News



Thanks to all who worked on the October Rummage Sale.

Fall Dinner Plays: The Players have been practicing since early September. "The Hitchin Post" promises to be very funny. Get your tickets early from Sue Jean. Details on page one.

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). **There is a Fair Meeting on Sunday November 9 after the worship service.** See you there!

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Recognition Sunday - November 16

The month of Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to say "Thank you" to our hardworking employees. These are the behind-the-scenes people who help keep our church going: Administrator Del Mogavero, Custodian Anne Bird and Music Director Pat Cauchon. Join us for a little celebration on November 16, during service and at coffee hour following, to say thanks for all they do!

Book Nook: Bible Facts

"Did you know that:

- There are 66 books in the Bible?
- Micah and Nahum are the middle books of the Bible?
- 3 John is the book with the fewest words?
- Psalms has the most chapters?
- There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible?
- Psalm 117 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- Psalm 117 is also the shortest chapter in the Bible?
- Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible?
- There are 31,101 verses in the Bible?
- Psalm 118:8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible? "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man" (NIV).
- John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible? It has two words: "Jesus wept."
- Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the Bible? It has 78 words.

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Planning Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DINNER PLAYS

NOVEMBER 7 & 8

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

WAITSTAFF 6:30 PM TO 9PM

NOVEMBER 9, after service

Christmas Fair meeting.

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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Missions

In October, we hosted another "Luncheon with the Pastor". We had a great turnout. Seventeen people came to share soup and conversation. Everyone agrees that this is a wonderful social time with members we do not see often. Watch for another luncheon coming in the near future.

In the month of November, Missions will be promoting donations for the Open Cupboard. Items especially in demand are laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, crackers, fruit juices & canned fruit, spaghetti sauce and canned tuna. Please consider adding one or two items to your grocery list and dropping off in the basket in the link. Thank you

In December, we will be adopting two families from Bridges, the women's emergency shelter for women in crisis. We will have a list of presents by the first of December for these families. More information to come soon.

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



Www.BridgesNH.org

Musical Notes: Lifelong Saints

Rather than limit the celebration of saints to one Sunday, some churches now observe a Season of Saints from World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) to All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November).

Saints aren't merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they're simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ's own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an "anthem for a lifetime," not a once-yearly occasion.

Come, let us join our friends above
who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing
with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.



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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God,
 thank you for every good gift—
 for the food before us,
 the people around us,
 and the love that surrounds us.
 Help us to pause, reflect, and rejoice
 in Your constant goodness and grace.
 May our hearts overflow with gratitude,
 not just today, but every day.
 Amen.



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Gratitude Shift

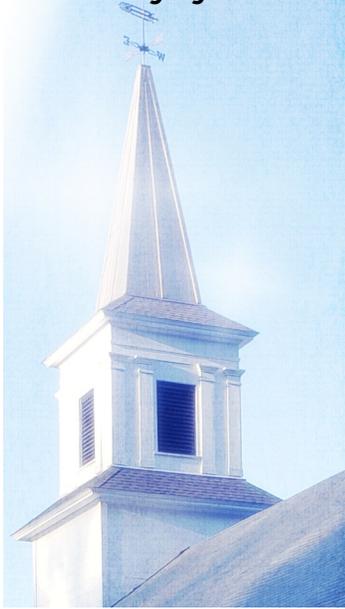
When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

All Saints Day Nov 01, 2025	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149		Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Proper 26 (31) 21st Sunday after Pentecost Nov 02, 2025	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
Proper 27 (32) 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Nov 09, 2025	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or <i>Psalm 98</i>	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Proper 28 (33) 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Nov 16, 2025	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6- 13	Luke 21:5-19
Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) 24th Sunday after Pentecost Nov 23, 2025	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
First Sunday of Advent Nov 30, 2025	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

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

- November 1 All Saints Day
- November 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends "Fall Back"
- November 7 & 8 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
- November 9 Christmas Fair Meeting 11:30ish
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 16 Employee Recognitions; Stewardship Sunday
- November 23 Christ the King Sunday
- November 27 Thanksgiving Day
- December 6 Christmas Craft Fair
- December 6 Messiah Sing! At Mont
Vernon Church 7pm
- December 7 Messiah Sing! At Milford
United Methodist 4pm



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