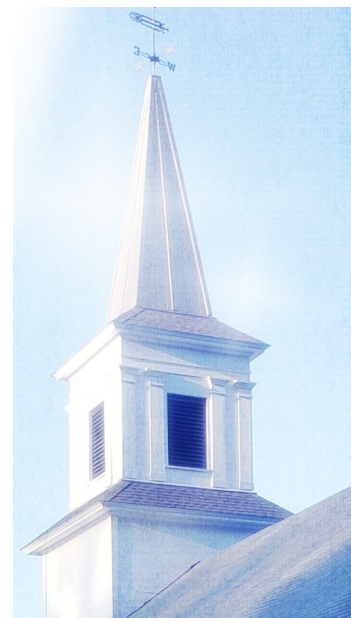


Second Congregational Church UCC - Wilton NH

# Church Matters May/June 2026



## Spring & Summer Events

### Rummage & Yard Sale



Our next sale will be on **Saturday, May 23** as part of the Town Wide Yard Sale. Hours are 9am to 1pm Looking for workers and quality items for donations. This is the time for your bigger items. Contact Becca at [rlorden80@gmail.com](mailto:rlorden80@gmail.com) for more details.

### Worship in the Park

Join us for an evening in the Main Street Park filled with song, prayer, and fellowship. **Wednesday, June 24**, starting at 6:00pm. Bring your own chair! Light refreshments will be available. Contact Lori Dick, or any deacon for questions and if you want to help. Please invite family and friends to see what we are all about.

### Summer Fair

A big fundraising event is the Summer Fair that will be on **Saturday, July 18** from 9am to 2pm. Meetings have been underway since February. We will have a food lunch truck, craft vendors, music, kids' activities, and the big Food Auction starts at 1:00. Make sure you sign up to help work the day, or bake cookies or bars for our food table. The planning group can use your help now, but we'll need folks to man our booths and make it all happen. See page 3 about the Food

Auction and see what you can do to help make or solicit items.



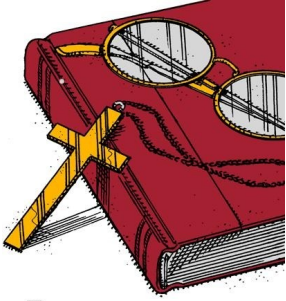
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#### ABOUT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- 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
- [www.2ccwilton.org](http://www.2ccwilton.org) for full  
church calendar, weekly  
sermons and more
- Follow on Facebook: Second  
Congregational Church  
Wilton NH
- Established in 1823

# Phishing and Scams: Part One



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

“Don’t fall prey to Scammers,  
Phishers and Fraudsters.”

## 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!**

In February, a phishing scam hit many churches in the state, including Second Congregational Church. Almost everyone at 2CC received a text or an email which look like it was sent by Pastor Gary, requesting an urgent response to send funds or gift cards. IT WAS A SCAM!!!! Responses could have lead to identity theft, or other negative consequences.

This opened a dialog to make sure we all know what to look for to avoid getting caught. This information does not include everything, so please PLEASE do some research with a number of websites that can teach you more. These include AARP and Cybernews.com, as well as many others. Below are some basic tips to get you started:

Scams are schemes meant to cheat people out of money or personal information. Phishing scams involve bad actors that emulate emails or messages from trusted sources (banks, businesses, people) to trick you into sharing personal details, like passwords or bank info. These can lead to identity theft and more.

We’ve all gotten texts or emails that sound official, urgent, and request an immediate action to send funds OR ELSE... which might be the loss of some privilege or even going to jail.

The government, or any legitimate business will not send a text or email unless you have requested they do so. When you get something and you are not sure, call the agency on a phone number that is not listed on the email. Social Security or the IRS sends any of their directives by snail mail (US Postal Service). Social Security may send an email but only if you requested they do so.

DO NOT click on any links or open any attachments sent unless you trust the source.

- Look at the details of the email address. A real communication from Bank of America will not come from [somename@gmail.com](mailto:somename@gmail.com). Instead of BofA.com, it might B0A.com – that middle O is a ZERO in the scam. One’s and Zero’s are easy substitutes for L’s, I’s, and O’s.
- Question addresses that do not end in the familiar .com, .gov, .net, etc. Two letters might be foreign scammers. .ru is Russia.
- Greetings are generic. “Dear Friend/Customer” – they don’t have your personal info yet!!
- Grammar and spelling are commonly poor.
- Personal info requests: they are phishing for your info!
- VERIFY the sender and that you trust them.
- Requests for untraceable monies like bit coin or gift cards.
- Urgency: they want you to do this NOW so there is no time to think about it.
- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited messages.
- Never give out sensitive info, passwords, credit card numbers, bank info.
- Verify suspicious communications. Your bank or the State will not ask you for payments by email or text.

“WHEN IN DOUBT DON’T!”

Check any of the cyber safety websites from trusted sources for far more details and tricks to avoid.

Blessings to all and Stay Safe!!

## Planning Committee News



Thank you to everyone that made the Spring Dinner Plays a fantastic night out. There were a lot of laughs for an appreciative audience. Actors, waiters, and cooks, thank you all so much! We cannot do it without you!

Next up is the May Rummage & Yard Sale on May 23. This coincides with the Town Wide Yard Sale. Contact the church for times to drop off bigger items that week. While we are grateful for all donations, please remember: all items should be clean and usable. When in doubt, don't donate, as we have to pay the landfill fees on your garbage. gratefully accept

Sign up sheets are in the Link to help set up on Friday and work on Saturday. Or contact Loretta, Becca or Ingrid directly.

Loretta Smith, Becca Lorden. and Ingrid Howard, your Planning Committee  
rlorden80@gmail.com. howardingrid67@gmail.com or lorettaapril@gmail.com.

## Food Auction: July 18 at 1pm, Ideas for You

The crown of our Summer Fair is the Food Auction that begins at 1pm. Of course, your help is needed to make it a success. Becca and Ann Lorden are the coordinators for the auction and you can direct questions to them. Darcy Bartsch will keep track of the donations over the next couple of months. Let her know what your donation will be. We'd like to have a solid roster of items.

- Bidders love cakes, pies, desserts, and home baked entrees; you can make them or get your favorite restaurant donate their specialty.
- Themed gift baskets are a big hit (Movie Night, Snack Overload, Adult, Picnics, Pasta, etc. Use your imagination!). Alcohol and wine are permitted by the state, but not beer. These can include openers, linens, glasses, food items.
- Other donations are pickled goods, teas, coffees, etc.
- Gift cards work well (got any that you won't use) and restaurants seem to like sharing their wares that way.

When you hear the call, please donate something special!!

## Church Matters Changes Schedule

Through the end of 2026, Church Matters will be published every other month starting with the May/June issue. The newsletter will be sent at the beginning of the two-month period. Links are provided to the general email list by the church, and posted on our Facebook page. You can also view the newsletter on our website 2CCWilton.org .

For now, the weekly Church Matters sent by email advises of upcoming activities and needs. Make sure you view those as they are receive.

Thanks to all! The Editor

## Planning Committee

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**MAY 23: Rummage/Yard Sale in conjunction with the Town Wide: Yard Sale the same day. Set up on Friday, May 22, at 10AM.**

**JUNE 20: Rummage Sale**

**CRAFTERS - There will be a few craft sessions to put things together for the Summer Fair. Do you have ideas, supplies, and want to spend some time crafting with a group? Watch for dates.**

**JULY 18: Summer Fair! Help with the planning to make this a solid summer fundraiser. First meeting is March 1 after worship**

**ARE YOU WORD CREATIVE?**

**We'd love to talk to you about the future of the newsletter.**



## Missions

The April Lunch with the Pastor was well attended and a good time was had by all, as they say. Watch for future dates.

Our missions group supports Project Linus by purchasing fleece and yarn for the group. Our blanketeers turn in about 30 blankets per month! We are training some folks to do the prep work, as well as soliciting some help in purchasing the fleece. Please consider joining us. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

It's also time for high school scholarships, so let us know if you have a graduating senior.

We thank everyone who continues to support the Missions Group. Your kind donations allows us to help with the above projects, as well as the Open Cupboard Pantry and other community missions. If you have any new ideas, please speak to anyone on the Missions committee.

Missions Committee: Stephanie Ouellette, with Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl, Rachael Doehner, and Ingrid Howard

## Every Day Wisdom for the Journey

The secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered that I was not God. Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

Doing the tough things today prepares us for the big things tomorrow. Zig Ziglar

Don't keep God in a box; include him at the table. Focus on the Family

And the best for last:

Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.

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May my prayer come before you;  
turn your ear to my cry.



Psalms 88:2

## Musical Notes: A Safe Haven in the Storm

Prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley penned the beloved hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" in 1739. According to tradition, Wesley wrote the words after surviving a violent storm at sea. During the chaos, a frightened bird is said to have flown through a window and sought shelter in the folds of Wesley's coat, a small but powerful image of refuge in the midst of danger.

The opening stanza of the hymn echoes that sense of protection and trust:

*Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last.*

These words call to mind the frightened disciples in Matthew 8:23-27. Tossed by wind and waves, they feared for their lives and cried out to Jesus for rescue. With a word, he calmed the storm and reminded them of his power and presence.

We, too, face seasons when life feels overwhelming. In those moments, we can take refuge in our Savior, trusting that he is our safe haven and that, no matter the storm, our destination is secure.

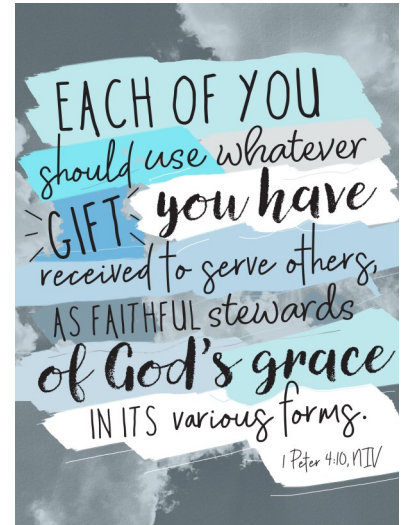
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# The Quiet Power of Faithfulness

The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty and dedication of countless people whose names are never known.

Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary. Yet lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day.

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*"A real friend is one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out."* Walter Winchell

## Grateful for Those Who Gave All



We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 03, 2026	* Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026	* Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17, 2026	* Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
Day of Pentecost May 24, 2026	* Acts 2:1-21 or <i>Numbers 11:24-30</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 or <i>John 7:37-39</i>
Trinity Sunday May 31, 2026 <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8		2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jun 07, 2026	Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
<i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jun 14, 2026	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8,
<i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jun 21, 2026	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jun 28, 2026	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

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

- May 7 National Day of Prayer
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 16 Armed Forces Day
- May 23 Rummage/Yard Sale - Townwide  
Yard Sale
- May 24 Pentecost
- May 25 Memorial Day
- May 31 Trinity Sunday
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 19 Juneteenth
- June 20 Rummage Sale
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 24 Worship in the Park

- July 18 Summer Fair
- November 6 & 7 Fall Dinner Plays
- December 5 Christmas Fair
- November 8 & 9 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
- December 7 Christmas Craft Fair



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*"Don't judge each day by the harvest your reap but by the seeds that you plant."  
Robert Louis Stevenson*

