



Second Congregational Church UCC - Wilton NH

Church Matters July-August 2026

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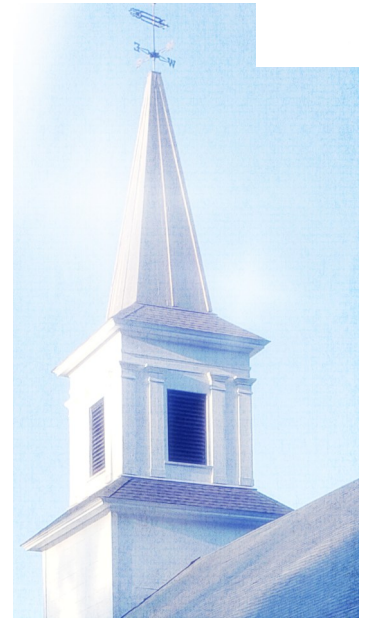
JULY 18

9AM TO 2PM



FOOD AUCTION

at 1 pm



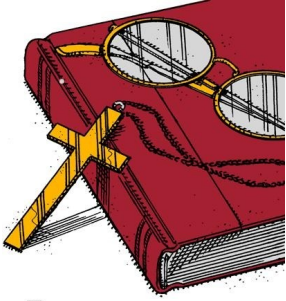
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ABOUT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- The Reverend Gary Klingsporn Pastor
- Sunday Worship Service 10:00
- Sunday Services are on ZOOM
- Contact 2ccwilton@gmail.com for ZOOM information
- www.2ccwilton.org for full church calendar, weekly sermons and more
- Follow on Facebook: Second Congregational Church Wilton NH
- Established in 1823

A Repair for Brokenness



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

“God does not ignore what
is broken”

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!

Our lives are marked by brokenness,
including broken relationships,
broken promises, and broken
expectations. Left unattended, these
fractures can quietly shape us,
hardening into bitterness or
resentment.

How do we live with such brokenness
without losing heart? We return,
again and again, to God's faithful
presence. In Him, we find not only
comfort but restoration. God does not
ignore what is broken. He meets us in
it, gently mending what we place in
His hands and reshaping what feels
beyond repair.

Scripture reminds us, “He heals the
brokenhearted and binds up their
wounds” (Psalm 147:3, NIV). What
we cannot fix on our own, God is able
to restore in His time and in His way.

Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Catholic
priest, professor and spiritual writer,
often spoke of this sacred return, the
daily turning back to God where
healing begins and hope is renewed.
In His presence, our brokenness is not
wasted. It becomes the very place
where grace takes root and new life
begins.

Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord, a
spirit willing to worship and serve
you wholeheartedly.

Grace and peace to you.



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*“Freedom fails when people decide that it is their right to take
and not to give.” Stanley Maxwell*

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

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Planning Committee News



Let's Get Ready For Summer Fair 2026

July 18 from 9 to 2pm. The Food Auction starts at 1pm. Bring your crafts and homemade goodies. Our food table will sell bars and cookies. Everything else will be featured in the Food Auction at 1pm. See below for Food Auction ideas.

PS: August Rummage Sale is on 8/22 and will feature Craft Supplies & Jewelry.

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

Food Auction Ideas

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. Here are some ideas for you:

- 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!!

God's Bonus Days

An author writing in *Guideposts* magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special.

She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days."

— Marion R. Vuilleumier, *Meditations by the Sea* NN 8.26

Planning Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

ARE YOU WORD CREATIVE? We'd love to talk to you about the future of the newsletter. Please speak with Loretta



Missions Possible

Church Missions would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our “Mission Possible” collection. Your generosity helps us to continue our community projects.

The Linus Project meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We donate fleece blankets, hats, knit and crocheted blankets, knit animals and other hand-made items. The regional manager always finds homes for everything donated.

Upcoming projects will include another donation of necessities to the Homeless Project with Chris and Alexandra for the fall. We also hope to partner with Bridges again to provide Christmas presents for families in transition.

We did not receive any scholarship applications this year, so we will put that money towards other mission projects.

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



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Musical Notes: A Song of Transformation

Billy Graham’s public ministry gained national attention at the Rose Bowl in 1949, where a remarkable response marked the beginning of a historic movement. Before the 1949 event, Billy appeared as a guest on a radio show hosted by songwriter and performer Stuart Hamblen. During the broadcast, Hamblen encouraged listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving, Billy invited Hamblen to attend as well. Though not a Christian at the time, Hamblen agreed. (His wife, however, was a believer.)

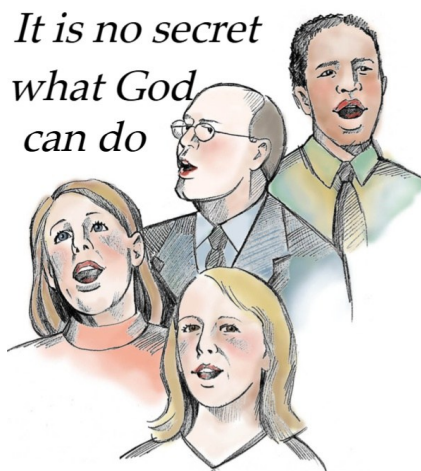
That evening, Hamblen did not go forward with others to profess faith in Christ, but he left deeply unsettled. Later that night, he went to Graham’s hotel, where he shared his restless spirit. Through Billy’s witness and prayer, Hamblen gave his life to the Lord.

Soon after, actor John Wayne asked him, “Stuart, what’s this about you hitting the sawdust trail?”

Hamblen replied, “That’s no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else.”

Wayne responded, “That sounds like a song. Why don’t you write one?”

And so, “It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)” was born. Hamblen later wrote many Gospel songs, once saying, “I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat.”



*It is no secret
what God
can do*

In Every Season, Turn to God



Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*
 Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*
 Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*
 Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*
 Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*
 Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*

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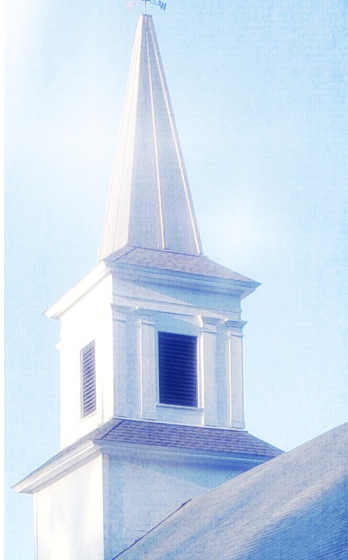
The faces of children are proof enough of God.

“Faith is essentially reasonable. It trusts in the character and promises of God.”
E. Chris Curvin

Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

<i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jul 05, 2026	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
<i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jul 12, 2026	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jul 19, 2026	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
<i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jul 26, 2026	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
<i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 02, 2026	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
<i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 09, 2026	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
<i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 16, 2026	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 23, 2026	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 30, 2026	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

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

- July 1 Canada Day
- July 4 Independence Day Celebrating 250 years!
- July 18 Summer Fair
- August 22 Rummage Sale, featuring CRAFT Supplies
- September 19 Rummage Sale
- October 17 Rummage Sale
- November 6 & 7 Fall Dinner Plays
- December 5 Christmas Fair
- November 8 & 9 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
- December 5 Christmas Craft Fair



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“America stands on two great pillars - Faith and Morality - Without these our foundation crumbles.”
George Washington
