



Second Congregational Church UCC - Wilton NH



Church Matters September 2026

Coming Events!

September 12 Rummage and Yard Sale

Also WCC Town-wide Yard Sale

Our September Rummage Sale will be a week earlier than normal so we can take part in the Wilton Community Center's Town-wide Yard Sale. We'll need help to set up and man the sale. Watch for sign up sheets.



Storage Room Reorganization

We are also reorganizing our storage room. It's full to the brim and we want to get it straightened up and get rid of unsaleable items. Starting on September 8 at 6pm and for the next few nights, we appreciate your help to get this task completed.



September 23 Lunch with Pastor Gary (see page 3)

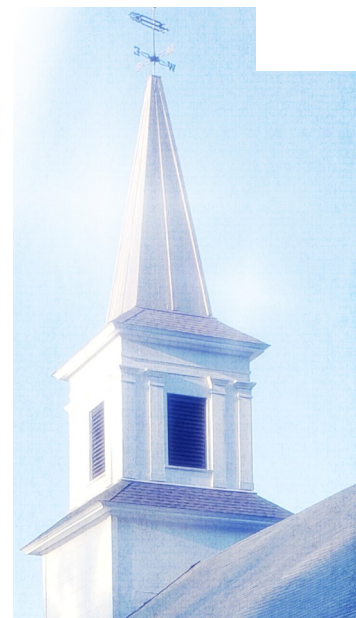
October 11 Hymn Sing (page 3)

October 17 Rummage Sale

FYI: Last one of 2026!

November 13 & 14 Fall Dinner Plays

Details pending! (pg 3)



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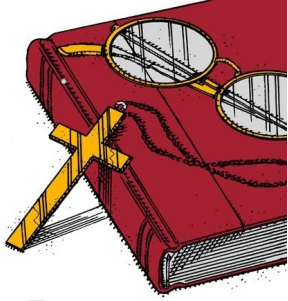


Established 1823

ABOUT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- The Reverend Gary Klingsporn
Pastor
- Sunday Worship Service 10:00
- Sunday Services are on ZOOM
- Contact 2ccwilton@gmail.com
for ZOOM information
- www.2ccwilton.org for full
church calendar, weekly
sermons and more
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Let us keep our eyes
on Jesus, the author and
perfector of our faith.
Hebrews 12:2

“Lord, comfort those who
continue to carry loss....”

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!

A Prayer of Remembrance for Patriots Day

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter through every storm, and our eternal home:

We come before You remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Though many years have passed, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of families, friends and a grieving nation.

Lord, comfort those who continue to carry loss. Grant peace to the brokenhearted, strength to the weary and light to those walking through seasons of grief. Let Your presence bring hope where memories still ache.

Teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage. Help

us to be a people who offer kindness to the hurting, encouragement to the discouraged and justice to those who suffer. Stir our hearts to live with mercy, humility and love for our neighbors.

Forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. May we strive each day to reflect the values of faith, unity and grace that honor You and strengthen our communities.

Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and unfailing mercy. Even in tragedy, You remain our refuge and our hope.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Charging Forward in Stewardship

Rhinoceroses are remarkable creatures. Strong, sturdy and surprisingly fast, a rhino is built to protect. When it senses danger, especially near its herd or its young, it does not hesitate. It moves with focus, strength and purpose.

There may be a stewardship lesson for us in that.

God has entrusted each of us with gifts, time and resources to use for his kingdom. When opportunities come to serve, give, encourage or help, faithful

stewards do not stand still and wait for someone else to go first. They respond with willing hearts and steady faith.

Stewardship is not passive. It calls us to move with purpose, give with conviction and serve with the strength God provides. May we be quick to answer God's call, bold in putting our faith into action and faithful in caring for the people and work God has placed before us.

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Make Your Blessings Count

Years ago, a newspaper shared the story of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Illingworth, an elderly Christian couple known for quiet, faithful service. Early in their marriage, they decided to use the gifts God had given them to bless others.

Through the years, they served through their church and in life-care retirement homes, offering time, kindness and generosity wherever they were needed. When a foundation later honored them for their caring philanthropy, they shared the motto that had guided their lives: "Count your blessings, and make your blessings count."

What a wonderful reminder that God's gifts are meant to be shared for his glory.

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Planning Committee News



Thank you to our Summer Fair helpers. It was a little better than last year's despite the weather, and we are glad to be building on that. Still a few bugs to work out (like the weather!!), but we can do it!

There are always sign up sheets in the Link to help on something. Whether they are for Rummage Sales, Dinner Plays, or help to bake refreshments please help where you are able. 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.

Lunch with Pastor Gary - September 23

Sponsored by the Missions Committee, there will be a lunch with Pastor Gary on Wednesday. September 23 at noon. The meal is free, but please sign up so we have a head count.

Come and enjoy a light meal and fellowship with the community.

Fall Dinner Plays - November 13 & 14

The Fall Dinner Plays are a "Go"!! Bill Goddard will once again direct the Players. A pork roast dinner will be served (subject to change) and tickets will be \$25. Contact Sue Jean for tickets. 603-654-2255.

Watch for sign ups in late October for kitchen help, waitstaff and desserts.

Hymn Sing #2 - October 11 1pm

Larry Smith said he has plenty of hymns that we didn't get to last February! So we are having another Hymn Sing on Sunday, October 11, at 1pm. Light refreshments will be served.

With music director, Pat Cauchon, Larry will introduce the songs and share the backstories on how the hymns came to be.

You don't need to be professional singers to enjoy the music. So come and listen, sing as the spirit moves you and spend some time in fellowship.

Planning Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

STORAGE ROOM SORTING

PARTY! September 8 6PM

September 9 6PM September 10 6PM if needed.

RUMMAGE SALE: Sept 12.

Set up Friday September 11 10AM. SALE Saturday 9 to 1PM

RUMMAGE SALE: Oct 17

Set up October 16 10AM
SALE Saturday 9 to 1PM

CRAFTERS - Start early for the Christmas Fair. Do you have ideas, supplies, and want to spend some time crafting with a group? Let us know!!

ARE YOU WORD CREATIVE?

We'd love to talk to you about the future of the newsletter.
Please speak with Loretta

CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 6

9 TO 2PM

SET UP ON 12/5.

WREATH WORKSHOP on
Wednesday 12/3 6pm



Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

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

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Missions

Our Missions Committee is always working behind the scenes. The Mission Possible collection taken on the last Sunday of each month, supports our church's community.

From special collections to help church members in times of need, school scholarships to supporting outreach programs.

Outreach includes:

- ◇ Lunches with the Pastor (the next one is September 23- don't forget to sign up)
- ◇ Linus Project, sending dozens of fleece blankets for kids in hospitals or distressful situations.

- ◇ The Open Cupboard is always on the list. A basket is in the link for donations.
- ◇ Church families in need
- ◇ Manchester help for the homeless through our friends Chris and Alexandra.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Missions. We are always looking for new opportunities. If you have an idea, please speak to anyone on the Missions committee.

Missions members: Stephanie Ouellette, with Cindy Broderick, Dana Dahl and Rachel Doehner

Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God's faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God's ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go. Let this autumn be a time to embrace God's steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.

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Musical Notes: In the Garden

In 1912, as Charles Austin Miles grabbed his Bible, it opened to John 20. Reading the account of Mary Magdalene outside the garden tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, Miles felt powerfully that he was there. Inspired, he quickly wrote the poem "In the Garden" and later composed the music.

This hymn might seem sentimental and trite, if understood to refer to just any garden. But the song takes on profound meaning when recognized as Mary's personal encounter with the living Lord.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known!

Rest for the Soul

Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.

Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

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"The life of a nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous."
Frederick Douglass

Common Lectionary Readings from Vanderbilt University

<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sep 06, 2026	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sep 13, 2026	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sep 20, 2026	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sep 27, 2026	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 04, 2026	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
<i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 11, 2026	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
<i>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 18, 2026	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
<i>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 25, 2026	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46
<i>All Saints Day</i> Nov 01, 2026	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22		1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12

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

September 7 Labor Day
September 11 Patriot Day
September 12 Rummage & Yard Sale 9 to 1pm
September 13 Grandparents Day
September 15 to October 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month
September 22 First Day of Autumn
September 23 Lunch with Pastor Gary noon
October 4 World Communion Sunday
October 11 Pastor Appreciation Day
October 11 Hymn Sing 2pm
October 12 Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples Day
& Canadian Thanksgiving
October 17 Rummage Sale 9 to 1pm
November 13 & 14 Fall Dinner Plays 7pm
December 5 Christmas Craft Fair 9 to 2pm



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*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."
Mother Teresa*

