

MODERATER'S MOMENT

I write to you this month not only as your moderator but as your treasurer. As you know the church approved a deficit annual budget for this year. As we begin March, we are already seeing the signs of the deficit. The small surplus that we started the year with is now depleted. We are now at the point of week to week. We are trying to bolster this by having extra church suppers in months that we typically never had one. The Valentine's dinner went well but only served 64 diners. In order for the dinner to be really successful we need 90-100 people to turn out. The difference is making \$300-400 or making \$900-1,000 in profit.



We have another church dinner coming up this month on Tuesday the 17th for St. Patrick's Day. This is something new to the church that we are doing a dinner on a Tuesday. We really need you to talk it up to your neighbors and friends. Tell people about how great of a dinner they get for the ridiculous price of only \$14.00. I went to McDonalds the other day and got a double quarter pounder with fries and a drink for \$12.40. No salad, no soup, no dessert and I had to wait 15 minutes and serve myself. And that money did nothing extra to help our community, unlike our church supper that not only helps to support our budget but to offer the programs and space for groups to get the help they need, the food they lack, and the spiritual nurturing to make it through their day.

You will be hearing more about this from the Trustees and in next month's newsletter.

The Easter offering that we will be taking this year has been designated to help defray the cost of an unexpected expense that needs to be addressed immediately. The issue was brought to our attention from the report from Shawn Bergeron who is doing the church inspection and analysis for the Capital Campaign. We haven't gotten an estimate yet for this project but I can surmise from my experience that this repair will cost in the neighborhood of \$1500-2500 depending on what other unknown things we run into while trying to do the work in an old building. More details will be available soon as to the scope and costs of this unbudgeted repair.

The choir has been working really hard on learning some new contemporary anthems and will be supported by Al Hospers on bass guitar and Louise Saxby on the flute. While Lent can sometimes be a bit sad, and music generally is not really upbeat until Easter, we are offering a nice compromise by having guest musicians come and play along with the choir. This takes a lot of practice and time and I hope that you will be pleased with the results and let Roger and the choir know that their extra efforts did not go unnoticed. Donations to the music fund are always appreciated!

Faithfully yours,
Carl F. Vitters, Moderator

NEXT CABINET MEETING
Tues, March 10th ~ 5 pm
Cabinet is now meeting quarterly

Conway Village Congregational Church

Mission Statement

"We are a community of faith in Jesus Christ, open to all, and by following His teachings we willingly serve God, our neighbors and each other through worship, fellowship and ministry."

TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE

TRUSTEE'S
MEETINGS
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm
March 3rd & 17th

At the first meeting after the Annual Meeting, the trustees voted Anne Getchell and Nancy Divine co-chairs and Carl Vitters as scribe.

A meeting was held with Shawn Bergeron, Bergeron Technical Services, to get an update on his progress with the building inspections, review and recommendations. He hopes to be done by the end of March. He did want to bring some safety concerns to the attention of the church that should be addressed as soon as possible.

The immediate concerns are:

- Bringing the fuel lines to code
- Fire Alarm- new master panel, communications, transmitter, smoke detectors and more.
- Sprinkler System- essential to protect the building

He is looking into the cost of the first two items, the third would be incorporated into the capital campaign when all other construction is done. The trustees voted to designate the Easter offering to go towards these repairs.

The January suppers and the Valentine's dinner are done. Thanks to all who helped with food prep., serving and cleanup.

Please save the date for the St. Patrick's Day Traditional Corned Beef dinner on Tuesday, March 17th. Consider bringing a friend!

We have begun working on the Spring Event which will be on Saturday, May 16th. It will include a plant sale, bake sale, BBQ and music under the tent, we are excited to add entertainment to the event this year, we will have the Christian rock band Clayfoot performing.

Anne Getchell Nancy Irving Duddie Andrews John Edgerton
 Nancy Divine Paul Weld Kim Murdoch Gabe Necochea
 Carl Vitters, ex officio member (CVCC Treasurer)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

3/1	Nancy Divine
3/8	Paul Weld
3/15	Duddie Andrews
3/22	Nancy Irving
3/29	John Edgerton

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner



Tuesday March 17th 5-7 PM
Conway Village Church

Adults: \$14 Children: \$5
FMI: 603.447.3851 www.thebrownchurch.org

DIACONATE

Next Diaconate Meeting
Tues. March 3, 3:00 PM

Hello all,

As a Deacon of the Month, we are responsible for a few things including an article for the church newsletter. Most of us struggle finding meaningful thoughts to write to you. (yes, it's true).

As this month's DOM, I would like to share a few thoughts about church membership. We have wonderful members of our congregation and some equally wonderful "friends" of the church as well. According to the current by-laws (our rule of law as it stands) members are expected, to the best of their ability, to attend regular services of worship, to contribute financially to the support of the church and its benevolences, to participate in its life and work, and to manifest their faith in their daily living.

Interesting, huh? Open for interpretation for sure. I am going to break it down and ad lib a bit...just for grins and giggles.

- † Attend regular worship - this is a no-brainer. "Congregants" (a term I will loosely use) congregate....what more can I say about this. This is a commitment that one would expect as any family membershow up. Of course, there are many reasons why one couldn't attend regularly and is a perfectly acceptable excuse. This is our church family.
- † Contribute financially to the support of the church- true. Do what you can to contribute to your church family. If it can't be financial, time is a commodity that is not always counted as such. Spend some time, if you can...
- † Participating in its life and work. (see above) So many projects to participate in. Find one that suits you and go with it.
- † Manifest faith in daily living – one could interpret this in many ways. I find myself talking a lot about the Brown church to anyone who will listen to me. I let them know about Dinner Bell, the food pantry, our choir and of course, our Sunday services. I invite people to join us, to come hear John put the scripture into reality on a weekly basis. I pray. I pray in the car, in the grocery aisle, at work.

Our "friends" of the church, according to the current By-Laws, are members who haven't responded to communications from the church in two consecutive years and, by vote of the Board of Deacons, are placed on the friends list (essentially inactive) until they ask to be reinstated.

We have MANY friends of our church who are not members, active or inactive. We are blessed to have them participating in our life and work of the church. We currently have about 100 members. We likely have at least that many "friends".

Active member or not, we are a community of faith. Period. No more to add here....

Our By-Laws are dated and are being reviewed. One can only imagine how difficult writing rules for membership of a church can be during this century. It is a moving target in my mind.

As an active member and Deacon, I am incredibly blessed by this church family. I encourage you all to participate in the church life and work. We have much to do. Don't be shy, don't wait for an invitation. It is OPEN to you. Ask someone to join you for a Sunday service and fellowship.

I hope these thoughts might be meaningful to you today,

Louise Saxby

CVCC Deacon of the Month

**March Deaconess
of the Month**
Louise Saxby

DIACONATE

Judy Workman

Dawn Vitters

Louise Saxby

Buel (Star) Almquist-Lee

Suzanne Rancourt

Nancy Divine

Holly Necochea

Mitzi Fitch

March Worship Schedule

March 1, 2020 **1st Sunday in Lent** **Communion**

Guest Musicians - Al Hospers & Louise Saxby
Psalm 32:1-7 *Gen.* 3:1-13 *Matt.* 4:1-11

Sermon: "Pass the Apple"

Praise: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Hymn: I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Hymn: Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah

March 8, 2020 **2nd Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 121 *Gen.* 12:1-9 *John* 3:1-17

Sermon: "Living Out Someone Else's Dream"

Praise: You Are My All in All

Hymn: Gather Us In

Hymn: Like a Child

Hymn: Lift High the Cross

March 15, 2020 **3rd Sunday in Lent** **Pulpit Supply: Carl Vitters**

Psalm 95:1-9 *Ex.* 17:1-7 *John* 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

Sermon: "It's Time To Do Something"

Praise: Shout to the Lord

Hymn: I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Hymn: Oh, How He Loves You and Me

Hymn: My Savior's Love

Mineral Springs Worship – 1:00 p.m.

March 22, 2020 **4th Sunday in Lent** **Rose Sunday**

Psalm 142 *Eph.* 5:8-14 *John* 9:1-34

Sermon: "Of What Sight are We Talking?"

Praise: Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd

Hymn: There is a Redeemer

March 29, 2020 **5th Sunday of Lent**

Guest musicians – Fiona + Julia Howell

Psalm 130 *Ezek.* 37:1-14 *John* 11:17-27, 38-53

Sermon: "Jesus Wept ... Plain + Simple"

Praise: Christ Beside Me

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Hymn: In the Garden

Hymn: Lord of the Dance

Food Pantry Statistics

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>People Served</u>	<u>Meals Given</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Under 18</u>
January 2020	35	78	3,276	21	13
February 2020					
Jan/Feb 2020					
Jan/Feb 2019	100	192	8,064	67	23

Food Pantry Wish List

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canned fruit • Pasta • Canned beans • Hamburger Helper • Mayonnaise • Pancake Mix | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramen Noodles • Canned Beef Stew • Ketchup • Mustard • Pancake Syrup • Canned Tuna Fish | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rice-a-Roni • Instant Potatoes • Applesauce • Peanut Butter • Jelly or Jam • Tomato Sauce | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup • Coffee <p>Donations may be made during worship service on Sundays or when the office is open.</p> |
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Conway Village Congregational Church

Food Pantry

Open for Distribution by Appointment Only

Tuesdays 9 - 11:30 am &
the 2nd & 4th week of the month from 5 - 7 pm

Serving Conway, Eaton, Albany and Chatham.
603-447-3851

Call to make an appointment or for more information.

Outreach Moments

This month we are looking at ways that CVCC can help the **Way Station**. The Way Station is a Day Resource Center for Homeless & Housing-Insecure Residents of Mt Washington Valley. Who are the Homeless and Housing - Insecure Residents? From the Way Station "Teenagers couch-surfing with friends. Families doubled up in apart-

ments or living in hotels or cars. Adults camping in the woods all winter. People living in rough shelters without water or heat or basics. Homelessness is invisible in the valley, but it lives here. Although we do not provide overnight shelter, we can offer access to services for people who need the basics: laundry, showers, internet access, PO box for identification, toiletries, small storage lockers, emotional support, and referrals to other services and resources."

The Way Station is located at the Lutheran Church on Grove Street in North Conway. Rev. Nathan Hall and Rev. Gail Doktor are the contact people for the Way Station. Hours vary depending on the availability of volunteers. We will be looking for some items to help the Way Station in the coming months. If you have any questions please ask one of the Outreach members: Sylvia Weld, Anne Getchell, Charlyne Gray, Shawn Sylvester, Laura Sorensen, or Dawn Vitters. It takes a village to make a difference in communities and we have one of the best villages in the area.

Dawn Vitters
Outreach Secretary

Outreach Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 10th, 4pm

Outreach Committee
Anne Getchell, Dawn Vitters, Laura Sorensen, Charlyne Gray, Shawn Sylvester & Sylvia Weld

HISTORY CORNER

There is likely no family name more important in the history of the Conways than KENNETT. They have for generations contributed vastly to the culture and industry of our town. Also, they are right at the top for the initial success of our Congregational Church. This month we will concentrate on the most known of the clan - A. Crosby Kennett.

A great local trivia question would be, "What was A. Crosby Kennett's first name?" Old timers such as Maurice Lovejoy, who Kennett took under his wing as a kid, said he hated the name and therefore went by the middle name. The answer: Alpheus. Mr. Lovejoy also relayed that whenever Stone's Drug Store came out with a new flavor of ice cream, A. Crosby would take him there to try it out. "That probably did not help his health at all as he loved ice cream," Maurice related.

The Kennetts were of Scottish origin and came to America in 1741 and settled in Kittery. They then moved to Wolfeboro and then Eaton - which part is now in Madison. Crosby was the oldest child of William and Sarah (Russell). He was born in Madison on July 27, 1859. He attended the New Hampton Literary Institute. As a young man, he drove a stage for his father between Madison and Ossipee and demonstrated "a remarkable capacity for work." He became interested in telegraphy and was put in charge of the station in South Berwick, later Salmon Falls, and ultimately West Ossipee. In 1888, he bought the Henry Metcalf Spool Mill in Conway (which became the largest in the world), extending into every part of the nation and Canada. He added a planing mill and a box factory, eventually becoming the Conway Company. At one time he ran eleven portable sawmills. He owned as much as 70,000 acres in all of the local towns and the State of Maine. In 1904 he became manager of the B.F. Sturtevant Company's shoe peg mill. He was instrumental in bringing the Lumber Company to Conway.



Mr. Kennett was once the President of the Conway National Bank; a director of the Ossipee Valley Telephone Company; and treasurer of the Memorial Hospital. In politics, he was a staunch Republican and was elected to the State House in 1893 and the Senate in 1897. He was a member of the Governor's Council and served with the rank of Colonel. As a member he secured the passage of a bill which prohibited the throwing of sawdust of mills into streams. He also secured passage of the State library law.

In local affairs, Kennett gave of his time freely. He was a town moderator and always interested in the development of educational opportunities. Therefore, in 1923, his widow and sons, erected and gave to the town the A. Crosby Kennett High School where it was dedicated on September 15th. It was then one of the most complete and up-to-date educational institutes in the state and some said the finest looking structure. He was also a member of the Masons, Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar of Rochester and the Veterans Association. His religious devotion was always to the Congregationalists. He was the chief financial contributor to the edifice of our Second Congregational Church in 1906 on what was heretofore Kennett property. As most of you likely know, the Kennett barn stood where the Catholic Church was erected in 1952 which is today Salyards. At that time, all of the land on both sides of the tracks, where the elementary and middle schools now stand, were level Kennett fields. The Kennetts served tirelessly on many committees as have succeeding generations.

A. Crosby Kennett's first wife was Carrie B. Gerrish of South Berwick whom he married in 1884. She died the very next year. In 1888, he married Lora Ferren of Madison. They were the parents of two children: Frank Edison and Robert Harmon. When Mr. Kennett died on December 5, 1917, there had never been such a gathering of locals and dignitaries attend a funeral. Known nationwide, he was beloved by friends and family as well - a great counselor, collaborator and industrialist had gone on "to higher levels."

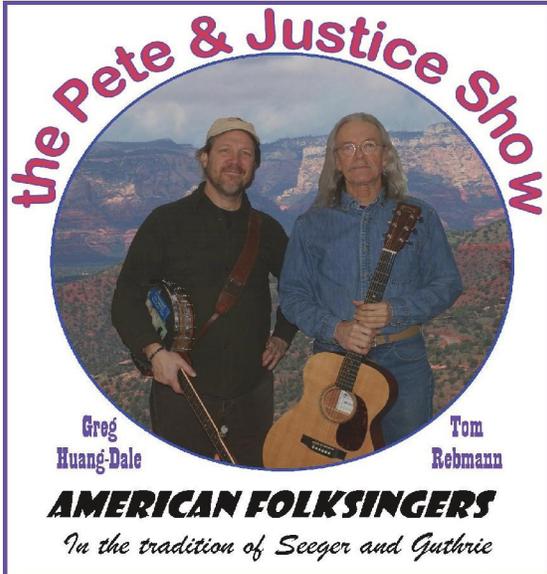
(Much info from Hobart Pillsbury's, "New Hampshire: A History" by the Lewis Historical Publishing Company of New York)

Contributed by Brian P. Wiggin

FIRST FRIDAY

At the "BROWN CHURCH"

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 Faculty and Friends



Greg Huang-Dale and Tom Rebmann present a tribute to iconic folk singer and activist **Pete Seeger**, in honor of his centennial. During his 70-year career, Seeger, who died in 2014 at 94, championed folk music as both a vital heritage and a catalyst for social change.

Please park on the street or across the road at the Pequawket Park lot. We will hold two handicapped spots in front of the church.

DO NOT park in the lot by the Robert Frost School. Thank You.

Friday, March 6th, 2020 12 noon
 The Brown Church, Main St., Conway Village
 Free admission, donations towards the Majestic renovation project gratefully accepted

Honor & Remember Yur Loved Ones or Acknowledge a Special Date

Please consider the donation of flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. It is a special way to honor a birthday or anniversary or in memory of a loved one.

Please provide the information on the Fellowship sign-up sheet so we can include your name and those you honor in the Sunday bulletin. Your floral donations make the alter look attractive and are greatly appreciated!



SAVE THE DATES

March 17th St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner



May 16th - Spring Fling



July 4th Parade Concession



August 7th Turkey Dinner



October 4-11 Fryeburg Fair Apple Crisp



November 19-21 Holiday Fair



December 5th Tree Lighting





No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here

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<http://thebrownchurch.org/>

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March Birthdays

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| 3/1 | Faylene Bemis | 3/17 | Jonathan Saxby |
| 3/3 | Susan Klomp | 3/21 | Karen MacDonald |
| 3/15 | Jennifer Lavigne | 3/24 | Gary MacDonald |
| 3/16 | Donna West | 3/31 | Becky Sanphy |



Prayer Requests

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| ◇ Alice Clapp | ◇ Mary Chesley |
| ◇ Cathy & Denis Currier | ◇ Shirley Saunders & Family |
| ◇ Colleen Albert | ◇ The Family of David Hobbs |
| ◇ Ruth Ward | ◇ Cheri & Kraig Paisley |
| ◇ Elise Keeney Edgerton | ◇ Steven Curtis |
| ◇ Polly Miller | ◇ Kerrie Edwards |
| ◇ Linda Frechette | ◇ The Belcher Family |
| ◇ Chuck Selmi | |

Thank you to all who helped & all who attended our recent Dinners!



CVCC On-Going Church Activities

Day/Date	Time	Event
◆ Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am • 10:00am • 7:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir Practice • Worship Service • AA - Primary Purpose
• Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00-6:00pm • 6:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner Bell • Diaconate Meeting - First Monday of the month
• Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-11:30am • 4:00pm • 5:00pm • 5:00-7:00pm • 7:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Pantry Open every Tuesday • Outreach - Third Tuesday of the month • Trustees Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month • Food Pantry Open (Every other Tuesday) • Cabinet Meeting - Quarterly on 3rd Tuesday of month
• Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:15-6:30pm • 6:00-7:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight Watchers • AA - A Way of Life
• Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am • 12:00pm • 6:00pm • 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study Group • Al-Anon • Choir Practice • AA - Mt. Washington Valley Big Book Step Study
• Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00-9:00am • 12:00-1:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Bible Study & Breakfast • Mountain Top Music—First Friday of the month
• Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Good Morning Group

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Melody Bergman

CVCC Office Hours

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

CVCC BOOK CLUB

Friday, April 3, 1pm

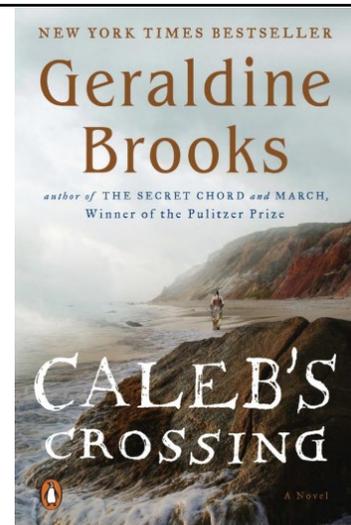
Caleb's Crossing

by Geraldine Brooks

~ Read the book ~

~ Join the group ~

All are welcome!
(Conference room)



A richly imagined new novel from the author of the New York Times bestseller, *People of the Book*. Once again, Geraldine Brooks takes a remarkable shard of history and brings it to vivid life. In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. Upon this slender factual scaffold, Brooks has created a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure.

MARCH

2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Srvc 1st Sunday of Lent	2 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm	3 Food Pantry 9:00 -11:30 am & 5:00 -7:00 pm DIACONATE 3:00 TRUSTEES 4:30	4 Office Closed	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 6pm	6 Men's Bible Study 8 am	
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15 9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Srvc 3rd Sunday of Lent	16 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm	17 Food Pantry 9:00 -11:30 am & 5:00 -7:00 pm <i>St Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner</i>	18 Office Closed	19 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am  Choir Rehearsal 6pm	20 Men's Bible Study 8 am	21
22 9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Srvc 4th Sunday of Lent	23 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm	24 Food Pantry 9:00 -11:30 am & 5:00 -7:00 pm	25 Office Closed	26 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 6pm	27 Men's Bible Study 8 am	28
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