



CONWAY VILLAGE  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

May 2020



THE GOOD NEWS!

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**Our Worship is Changing**

The *May Worship Schedule* is different from other schedules which have been previously sent or posted. You will notice that each Sunday is listed, followed by how it is counted in the Easter season. You will see our *Scriptures*: a Psalm, an Epistle reading, and a Gospel selection, followed by the *Title* of the sermon or reflection for each week.

You will, no doubt, notice what is not listed - - **Music!** This is because we have a *Music Committee* selecting music for our virtual worship time on Zoom, where music selection was left to the pastor in conjunction with the music director previously.

You will also notice there is a *Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.* worship time for *Ascension Day*. Normally, “*The Brown Church*” does not celebrate *Ascension Day*, as our congregation only assembles each Sunday. Now, with virtual presentations, anyone who would like can “Zoom in” to the service that evening. Hopefully, some of you will avail yourselves to this opportunity, assuming we are still quarantined.

*Bible Study* will continue on Zoom, each Friday morning at **9:00 a.m.** Each class will look at the Bible passages for the upcoming Sunday. This is a joint male/female Bible Study during our time of quarantine - - link will be sent by email prior to each meeting.

I personally want to thank everyone for being understanding, as we have experienced ‘glitches’ using the Zoom platform. Each week, the entry codes must change to prevent “bombing” of Zoom meetings. Everything is changing (*and changing quickly!*) so it takes extra effort to stay in front of the demands placed on our church. We have a wonderful “*tech staff*” working to ensure our time together at worship is secure.

*Thank you all for participation and understanding through these changes,*

Rev. John Hughes



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<http://thebrownchurch.org/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/TheBrownChurchConwayNH/>

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY



5/1	Ruth Ward	5/17	John MacDonald
5/1	Sandra Hatch	5/21	Steve Graustein
5/2	Walter Campbell	5/25	Dana Saxby
5/4	Ray Behnke	5/26	Elise Edgerton
5/6	Beth Campbell	5/26	Paul Weld
5/12	Meri Jones	5/27	Dick Vierus

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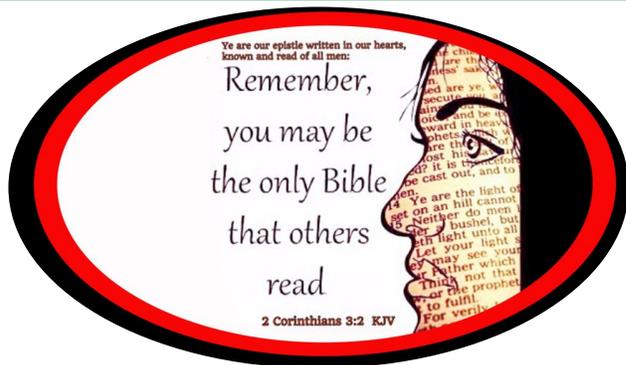
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Rev. John G. Hughes

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Moderator  
Carl Vitters

Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper  
Melody Bergman



## JOIN US VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

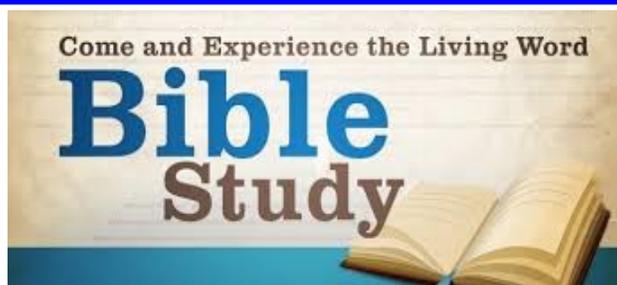
Zoom In

Fridays, 9 am

Men & Women's Bible Studies are now combined.

To join us, please add your email address to our "Join Our Email" list on our website to receive email notifications with the meeting access information.

You may also send a request to join at [cvcwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvcwebteam@gmail.com).



# 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>	<u>Walk Ins</u>	<u>New Households</u>
Jan - April 2020	173	371	15,582	109	56	24	14
Jan - April 2019	187	366	15,372	133	46	21	16

## Outreach/ Food Pantry

This month the newsletter list of needed pantry donations for clients is going to look a little different. At this time, we are unable to get items in bulk. What we will be doing until further notice is putting a list in the newsletter of needed items for the pantry at this time. The list will be changing as the Pantry needs change.

The basket that has been upstairs will now be downstairs outside the pantry, you can put the items in there. If you would like to drop off these items, volunteers will be there until 12 noon on Monday & Tuesday until 1 pm. On Monday, you can come down to the Pantry entrance on the west side of church. Tuesday, you can leave items inside by the pantry door downstairs where the basket will be.

### NEEDS AT THIS TIME

- Pancake Syrup
- Flour (1 lb. Bag)
- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Mayo
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

The items may change each month to what the need is at that time.  
Thanks to all who support the pantry by helping at this very trying time,  
but the most important mission of the Church.

Thanks to all the Volunteers that are hanging in there during this very trying time.

Stay Safe and God Bless to all.

### **Outreach Committee**

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

### Conway Village Congregational Church

## Food Pantry

By Appointment Only

Tuesdays 9am - 1pm

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

## TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE

We enter May with some uncertainty to the "re-opening of New Hampshire". We will continue to have the Trustees meeting weekly via Zoom. We meet primarily to keep a handle on the finances. We want to thank all who have kept up with their pledges and have given and continue to give to the Trustee Appeal.

Hope you and your families are all healthy and safe.

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

**TRUSTEE'S  
MEETINGS**  
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm

### Virtual Worship Services

We hope that the Sunday Worship Services, although vastly different from what we are accustomed to, have brought some sense of normalcy by seeing familiar faces and joining together in worship, prayer and the sharing of Scriptures.

If you have Joys or Concerns you would like to share with the community and or have added to the weekly Pastoral Prayer, please email them to [cvcwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvcwebteam@gmail.com) or call the church office 603-447-3851 before Friday for the following Sunday.

Thank you to those who have taken the few minutes it takes to complete our survey about the worship services. The results have been mostly positive. The services have featured more contemporary music than most of our congregation is accustomed to. We are limited by the music videos that are available for use. It is often difficult to find quality traditional music videos. The virtual worship music team will continue to try to provide a combination of quality traditional and contemporary music.

If you use Facebook please "LIKE" our Facebook Page by clicking the Like button at the top of the page. <https://www.facebook.com/TheBrownChurchConwayNH/> This will help folks who may not be familiar with our church know we are well liked within the community. You will be notified on your Facebook notifications when we post something new. You, in turn if you choose to, can share that post on your page which is very helpful in promoting the church, particularly for promoting our events.

"Virtual Worship & Music Team"

### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

5/3	Duddie Andrews
5/10	Nancy Irving
5/17	Kim Murdoch
5/24	Gabe Necochea
5/31	Paul Weld

## HISTORY CORNER

### Dr. Chester M. Wiggin: Pillar of Conway Village Congregational: #4 in series

Many long time natives will remember the imposing house of the Doctor's family right on Main Street across from the old Majestic Theatre and the Bolduc Block. It was sadly razed in 1969 for a new post office and is today's physical therapy establishment operated by Betsy Donovan. Let us explore the personage of the good doctor who could see his church from his home.

Chester McLoon Wiggin was actually from Maine - South Thomaston to be exact. The son of Charles M. and Elvira (Stanton) he was born there on July 15, 1881 and educated at local schools and at Bucksport Seminary where he graduated in 1902. He matriculated two years at Bowdoin before beginning the study of medicine at the University of Vermont in Burlington, gaining his degree in 1906. He started his practice in Stonington in 1907 before moving to Conway in 1909. He became one of the most popular physicians in Carroll County and was a long time surgeon in North Conway. According to Janet Hounsell's book, Dr. Wiggin and Doc Snow in the early years stayed for some time at a so-called pest house somewhere on the West Side Road because of the smallpox epidemic. A woman who was a noncarrier of the disease cooked for the patients and the staff as a quarantine sign was posted on the door. In 1917, Dr. Wiggin and Dr. Frank Horne announced new fees "made necessary for rising expenses." From February 1st on, office calls with medications extra, were to cost the patients 75 cents. House calls within a mile of the office would cost \$1.25. If called between 7:00 PM and 6 A.M. the cost would be \$2.00. An added charge of 33 1/3 cents would be charged for each additional mile.

During World War I, Dr. Wiggin served as a Captain in the United States Medical Corps, stationed at one of the Southern camps. He was an active member of the community and was a member of the Mount Washington Lodge of Masons; Signet Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias; Conway Men's Club; NH State Medical Society serving as Vice-President and the Republican Party. His son, Chester, once served on Senator Norris Cotton's staff and once ran for Congress. He tragically died in the Logan Airport crash that took several Conway lives back in 1974. (It was he, a very distant cousin, who was largely responsible for obtaining a job for me in the Senate Cloak-room while I attended American University Graduate School)

The doctor married in Hampton on October 22, 1908 to Frances Starkey. She was an active member of the Women's Group at our Second Congregational Church. They went on to have two sons, Bruce (who was the first Kennett Cup recipient, and the aforementioned Chester. All three doctors in the village when I was growing up were affiliated with our church: Dr. Smith, Dr. Spring, and Dr. Wiggin. These professionals attended services when possible, but all were frequently out on house calls.

Dr. Wiggin enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. This included my family. It was he who stayed with my twelve-year-old Uncle Raymond, after a skiing accident. He and Vernon Smith were skiing on a steep hill on the West Side not aware of a fence being pulled across its base since their last run. Raymond stuck his homemade ski poles in front of him startled by the new discovery. The pole lodged in his chest in the major blood vessel. Dr. Wiggin was called up, but death was inevitable. His was the first ski fatality in town. His last words to his grieving mother was, "Mama - it is getting so dark out." Imagine all of the joys and tragedies the good doctor witnessed during his practice!

Contributed by Brian P. Wiggin

### 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."*

# DIACONATE

Happy Easter Season!

I hope this finds you well & coping to excelling in the midst of our new reality of Covid19. It appears that the valley must be doing a pretty good job of social distancing, washing hands and following guidelines (masks, gloves, etc) when we venture out. We're very blessed to live in a beautiful area of the country with a smaller, less dense population which allows us to get out into God's wonderful creation for recreation: walking, hiking, biking, running, fishing. It's wonderful to be out with sunshine on our faces and to be in nature watching spring make its appearance. Just a couple of days ago, I was pleasantly surprised to see that as the snowplowed mound of snow was disappearing, the spring bulbs were popping up! I am now waiting expectantly for their blooms of color!

We are also so blessed to have new technologies like Zoom, so that we can worship together and see the faces and hear the voices of people we are missing. It is certainly helping us to worship God in a community setting once again. It's definitely the highlight of my week!

May is the month that Christians across the world will celebrate Christ's Ascension, remembering the day that Christ ascended into heaven-the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter, Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> this year. The birth of Christ's church-Pentecost, the 50<sup>th</sup> day of Easter, May 31, celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the other early followers of Jesus. It also recognizes the day that the church was established.

Jesus promised this in **John 14: 16-17**. **"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor (or Comforter, Encourager, or Advocate), who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, because he lives with you now and later will be in you."**

In Acts 1: 4-5 he reminds them again: **In one of these meetings as he was eating a meal with them, he told them, "do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he promised. Remember, I have told you about this before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."**

**The Holy Spirit Comes Acts 2: 1—7, 11-12** **On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection, the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.**

**Godly Jews from many nations were living in Jerusalem at that time. When they heard this sound, they came running to see what it was all about, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. They were beside themselves with wonder. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. 'These people are from Galilee'.**

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## DIACONATE

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Judy Workman             | Suzanne Rancourt |
| Dawn Vitters             | Nancy Divine     |
| Louise Saxby             | Holly Necochea   |
|                          | Mitzi Fitch      |
| Buel (Star) Almquist-Lee |                  |

**May Deaconess  
of the Month  
Judy Workman**

Diaconate cont.

And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

So, this was the Pentecost. The Holy Spirit arrived to the early believers in a great wind, then an earthquake and a fire. God's message came in a "gentle whisper". God may use dramatic methods to work in your life or He may speak in gentle whispers.

**Wait patiently and always listen.\***

\*(Footnotes from Life Application Study Bible Acts 2: 3-4}

Have a wonderful Month of May!  
See you at church!

**Join Us!**

**Take Out**



**The Dinner Bell**

**For A Fresh Homestyle Meal**

**Dinners are now served take out style only!  
Everyone Is Welcome!!  
Mondays 5 - 6**

**Call office on Mondays for menu!  
447-3851**

These services continue to operate while taking recommended safety precautions and practicing social distancing.

*prayer*

### Virtual Worship

As we wade into new territory with Virtual Worship we would like to say "Thank you" to all who have joined us either by Internet or phoning in. Our numbers keep growing each week. The first week we held church through Zoom we had 28 people join in. The next week we had 47. Palm Sunday we had 59, Maundy Thursday we had 37, Good Friday we had 41, and Easter Sunday we had 104. April 19, we had 63.

We ask that when you sign in, please use a name that we (the Virtual Web Team) would recognize. We are asking this because of all the security that is on Zoom, so we don't get "Zoom bombed" as they say. If we don't recognize a name you may not be admitted to the church service. Speaking of admitting, we (Steve) now has to admit everyone to the Zoom Church meeting. Please be patient with him as he has to verify all entries to the meeting. We have worked hard and diligently to make this a great way for us to still gather together to worship God. If you know of anyone who would like to join us on Sunday mornings, please have them email the web team at [cvccwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com) and we will add them to the e-mail that goes out each week.

Blessings

The Virtual Worship Team

Please Pray for all those affected by Covid 19  
US Servicemembers, Health Care Workforce,  
Emergency Personal, Our Nation,  
All People around the word  
& Our Planet

Give God your *weakness*  
and He'll give you His *strength*

### Prayer Requests

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ◇ Alice Clapp                    | ◇ Kerrie Edwards            |
| ◇ Cathy Currier                  | ◇ Shirley Saunders & Family |
| ◇ Colleen Albert                 | ◇ Chuck Selmi               |
| ◇ Ruth Ward                      | ◇ Joni Aspinall             |
| ◇ Elise Keeney Edgerton          | ◇ Lisa Home                 |
| ◇ Mary Chesley                   | ◇ Brad Bemis                |
| ◇ Linda Frechette                | ◇ Lycia Marley              |
| ◇ Cheri & Kraig Paisley & Family | ◇ Buel (Star)               |
| ◇ Steven Curtis                  |                             |



# May Worship

## Schedule



**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – *Communion [4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter]*

Scripture: Psalm 23  
Acts 2:42-47  
John 10:1-10

Sermon: “*Listening for the Prompt*”

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** [5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter]

Scripture: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

Sermon: “*Rejected ... Chosen ... Precious*”

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** [6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter]

Scripture: Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

Sermon: “*What the World Cannot Receive*”

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – *Ascension Day*

Scripture: Psalm 47  
Acts 1:6-14  
Luke 24:44-53

Reflection: “*Hoping for the Same Thing*”

**Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>** [7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter] *Memorial Day Sunday*

Scripture: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

Sermon: “*May God’s Spirit Rest on You?*”

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** – *Pentecost Sunday*

Scripture: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39

Sermon: “*Hearts Which Overflow*”



# 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> Men & Woman's Bible Study 9am Zoom	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10am Zoom Worship Meeting	<b>4</b> Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	<b>5</b> Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm  TRUSTEES 4:30	<b>6</b> <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Men & Woman's Bible Study 9am Zoom	<b>9</b>
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<b>31</b> 10am Zoom Worship Meeting	<p><b>Temporary Office hours - Staff is available by phone only. Office is staffed and phones will be answered on Mondays from 8am -10am &amp; Tuesdays from 8am - 12pm. Messages may be left at any time throughout the week and will be answered as quickly as possible.</b></p>					

## MODERATER'S MOMENT

This past month has been quite different for just about everybody. It has been wonderful to see all the people helping out in all the different areas of the church. I want to thank everyone who has been helping. Let me tell you it has not been easy. The amount of work that goes into putting on the Sunday Zoom service is insane. While most people are enjoying the praise worship music and service messages, along with improvements each week as we get better at pulling it off, the work of several or more people remains extensive. Massive amounts of time is spent looking for the music and video's in an attempt to choregraph a meaningful worship service. Then once everything is found, Steve has to put it all together and virtually conduct the service to keep things moving. The work has paid some nice results in that our Sunday attendance is actually up.

I also want to commend all of you who have been sending in your pledges regularly each week and also to those who have taken advantage of the donate button during the services. So far, we have been doing well enough to keep up with our weekly bills even with the deficit budget. We are working on a revised budget for this year, as well as getting next year's budget put together so that when we start our stewardship drive, you will be well informed into what is needed.

Work also continues on the Capital Campaign. We are close to having all the information collected and will be formulating a phased plan to accomplish all the work. Not being able to have direct meetings has complicated the process, but we are slowly working around every issue. Don't think for a minute that church is shut down. Everything is proceeding forward, just in a different form and sometimes a little slower. Thank you again to everyone who is spending their time serving and helping the church through this truly weird experience.

Carl Vitters, Moderator

### **NEXT CABINET MEETING**

*Cabinet is now meeting quarterly*



The Church is now listed in the Amazon Smile program. The Amazon Smile program donates 0.5% of the price of every item purchased through Amazon to an approved charitable organization. If you purchase anything from Amazon we would appreciate it if you would consider choosing our church as your preferred charitable organization. If you already have an Amazon or Amazon Prime account, log in to your account as usual.

- If you have a regular account, in the search bar, enter Amazon Smile.
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- Select the Amazon Smile logo that will show under the search box. The upper left corner of the page should change from the logo to the Amazon Smile Prime.
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- Toward the bottom of the list, click on either My Amazon Smile or Your Amazon Smile.
- Look toward the right side of the page for the "Change Charity" button. Click on that and in the search bar enter Conway Village Congregational Church, UCC.
- Set this as your charity and .05% of all of your Amazon Smile purchases will be donated to the church.

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