



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS

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Message from the Trustees

A big thank you to the Welds and all the volunteers who helped with the very successful Turkey dinner take out on August 7th. Over 130 meals were sold and we actually ran out of food. The interest took us by surprise but we were very glad it was successful. One thing that was heard over and over is how nice it was to see everyone. This was the first time many of us had seen each other since the building shut down.

Since the take out was so successful, we have decided to do another dinner, mid week, during what would have been the Fryeburg Fair week (10/4 to 10/11). We are also looking into ways to take orders and sell apple crisp that week. There will be opportunities to volunteer for all.

The Trustees approved Phase 3 of Bergeron Technical Services. This is the development of a master plan to include project phasing and scoping. It looks at the needed improvements and determines importance and feasibility.

Hope everyone has had a great summer so far, and hope all are well.

Anne Getchell	Nancy Irving	Duddie Andrews	John Edgerton
Nancy Divine	Paul Weld	Kim Murdoch	Gabe Necochea

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TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

9/6	Kim Murdoch
9/13	Gabe Necochea
9/20	Paul Weld
9/27	Duddie Andrews

TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

Tuesdays, 4:30 pm

DIACONATE MESSAGE

In this world of riches, sometimes we are all asked to do without. Fasting as a spiritual practice would be an interesting idea. Here are some benefits of fasting in the Bible. Usually the benefit of fasting is not for the self, but for the good of the community.

As Matthew 6:16-18 states, "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." This tells us that if we fast it should be done in a way that only your Father can see it and he will reward you. Paul leads the church through fasting in Acts 13:2-4, Acts 14:23, "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. So, after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off." In Daniel 10:3, Daniel fasted for three weeks and at that time he saw the truth which was given to him in a vision. Esther saves her people through fasting in Esther 4:16, "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." Even though she might perish she talked to the King and he followed her instructions. Finally, Moses receives the Ten Commandments after fasting in Exodus 34:28, he was with the Lord for forty days and nights. When those days were over Moses received the tablets with the Ten Commandments written on them. Just like those in Biblical times we too can fast for different reasons, such as to strengthen prayer, to seek God's guidance, to express grief, to seek deliverance or protection, or to humble oneself before God. Maybe during this difficult time, we too could take some time to do a little fasting to see what God has in store for us.

Dawn Vitters, September Deacon of the Month

Deacons: Louise Saxby, Nancy Divine, Holly Necochea, Mitzi Fitch, Judy Workman, and Dawn Vitters

Diaconate Meetings
September

September Deaconess
of the Month
Dawn Vitters

DIACONATE

Judy Workman	Nancy Divine
Louise Saxby	Holly Necochea
Dawn Vitters	Mitzi Fitch
Suzanne Rancourt	



◇ Alice Clapp Edgerton
 ◇ Cathy Currier ◇ Linda Frechette
 ◇ Colleen Albert ◇ Lisa and Sandy
 Stowell
 ◇ Ruth Ward
 ◇ Elise Keeney

August Worship Service		
Date	#	Special Day
8/2	61	Pulpit Supply Carl Vitters Special Service “Star” Buel Almquist-Lee
8/9	52	Pulpit Supply Carl Vitters
8/16	48	“Desperate Faith”
8/23	50	“Doing What is Humanly Possible”
8/30	n/a	“Standing on the Threshold of Glory” No Service/ Zoom down

*Please email us at
info@thebrownchurch.org
 to add someone to the
 prayer list. Thank you*



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[https://www.facebook.com/
TheBrownChurchConwayNH/](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.

Thank you & God Bless



A Message from the CVCC Virtual Worship Team & Web Team

CVCC E-Blasts (E-mails)

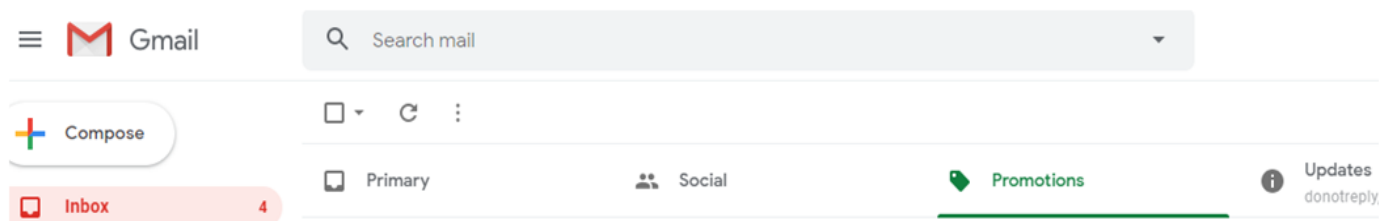
The regular emails that go out are:

- Weekly Bible Study Eblast is typically sent out Thursday evening. Please let us know via email to the web team if you want to receive the Bible Study emails.
- Weekly Worship Service Eblast is typically sent out Saturday evening
- Monthly Newsletter Eblast is typically sent out the last day of the month for the next month, or first day of the month.

With few exceptions, such as special events, these are the only emails that are sent out to our email distribution list. The data is kept securely and we do not share our distribution list with any other organizations.

If you have an email address and are not, but would like to receive our emails please **subscribe to our email list**. Go online to the website <https://www.thebrownchurch.org/> in the footer section near the bottom of the page on the right side is a box Join Email List. Enter your email address and your first and last name, and click Subscribe. Once you have done this you should receive an automatic email to confirm that you want to join this email list. If you don't, please check your other incoming email folders such as promotions, updates, Junk and/or Spam folders. Click Yes, this will confirm your subscription and allow us to send emails to you through our mass email service.

We have had a few folks tell us they were **not receiving the emails** but after further investigation had found that they did receive them they were just not in their regular/primary inbox. If you have subscribed but are not receiving our emails please first check your "All Mail" as it is called in Gmail, other services may call it something different. Then check your Personal, Promotions, Updates, Junk and Spam email folders for emails from "Conway Village Church" with the email address of cvccwebteam@gmail.com. You can also, depending on your mail service search for emails. Search for the "Conway Village Church" and then try "cvccwebteam@gmail.com" if you still can't find them send an email to email listed and we will see if there is anything we can do from our end.



If you do find you are receiving the emails but they are **not going to your primary email inbox**. You can usually train your email service to have them delivered to your primary inbox. Search online for the instructions for your specific mail service to "whitelist" an email address. Some services will learn to allow emails from anyone you have sent an email to, so try sending an email to cvccwebteam@gmail.com please let us know that is why you are sending the email and we don't need to reply.

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CVCC E-Blasts (E-mails) cont.

If you are using Gmail (as the majority of you are) and the emails are delivered to a folder other than your primary inbox, you can do the following. I believe this should be done on a computer not a phone or tablet. With your Gmail open the top of the page should look similar to image below (this is in Chrome internet browser).

If the email was delivered to the Promotions (or social or updates) inbox and you want it delivered to the primary inbox, click on the Promotions tab at the top. Click the checkbox next to the email you want to move. Hover the cursor over that email near the name showing for who it is from, click and hold the mouse button, you should see a blue highlighted message envelope. While continuing to press the mouse button, drag it and drop it onto the Primary tab (the actual tab at the top of the page). That email should now be in your primary email inbox (it may not be on top it will be placed in the time slot it was originally delivered). Your emails from this email address should now arrive in your primary inbox. Sometimes it takes doing this more than once for the system to "learn" to deliver the emails to your primary inbox.

"CVCC Virtual Worship Team & Web Team"





**SAVE THE DATE:
FAIR FOOD FAVORITES -
TO GO!**

**OVEN FRIED CHICKEN
& FIXINGS DINNER***

TO GO: WED. 10/7

**includes our famous apple crisp for dessert*

TAKEOUT ONLY: 5 PM - 7 PM



**The Brown Church
132 Main St.
Conway Village, NH**



Save Room for Dessert!

**THE FAMOUS
APPLE CRISP
RETURNS!**

The Brown Church is bringing our Fryeburg Fair favorite direct to Conway Village! Apple crisp will be available for order by the pan, or enjoyed as dessert with the October 7th takeout dinner.

More details coming soon...



Dear members of CVCC and
Choir members,

I have had to face the harsh reality that this pandemic has rendered my ability to do my work as minister of music paralyzingly impossible. I have decided to retire from my position.

I have had to expand my work schedule at the water park and my business to somewhat offset the loss of income. I held out as long as I could and I had to make a decision. After 46 years as a church organist I did not envision having to make this kind of decision under these kinds of circumstances. I trust you will understand and hopefully we can, at some point, see our lives return to some normalcy.

I am sorry that I cannot participate in the Sunday Zoom services. My work schedule now conflicts with this time of day.

I must say that I have enjoyed my 16 years as minister of music with you. You have been supportive and most kind with your comments regarding service music and choral selections. I have made adjustments to repertoire to provide more guest musicians to provide a variety in styles of music and have enjoyed working with these folks tremendously. Your appreciation for these people has certainly been quite clearly obvious by your response toward them during and after church.

Of the 8 churches I've served, this has been the longest tenure I have had. I had hoped to serve at least 20 years, however, things didn't work out this way.

Again, many thanks for your support as well as Rev. Hughes', the Diaconate and Trustees. It has been an honor to serve you.

Yours in Christ,
Roger S. Miklos



Welcome



Congratulations to
Bob Bernhardt and
family on the birth
of his first grandchild.



Sharrene Bernhardt and father, Keith Henderson new baby is Robert Patrick Henderson. Grandmother is Terese Bernhardt. Congratulations to all!

JOIN US
For A Fresh
Homestyle Meal

Everyone Is
Welcome!!

TAKE OUT
ORDERS ONLY
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



The Dinner Bell

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.



9/2	Nancy Irving	9/18	Peter Klomp
9/6	Russell Hunter	9/19	Louise Saxby
9/9	Anna Hill	9/21	John Edgerton
9/14	Margaret Marshall	9/21	Sheila Pickard
9/15	Brian Wiggin	9/28	Joan Sanphy
9/16	Ruth Proctor	9/23	Mary Russo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

**Conway Village
Congregational
Church**

United Church of Christ

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Carl Vitters

Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper

Melody Bergman



JOIN US

Fridays, 9 am

CONNECT WITH OUR



zoom
BIBLE STUDIES

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.

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>
January-August 2020	332	697	29,274	238	111	54	28
January-August 2019	344	725	30,450	231	127	65	53

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

Call to make an appointment or for more information.

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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."*

History Corner

Pillars of the Brown Church: Eugene I. Smith

Eugene Irving Smith, a valued member of our Brown Church, was a leader in forming and overseeing youth activities in the Town of Conway. It is about time that today's generations knew of his early influence.

Born in West Hollis, Maine in 1873, he was educated in the local schools there and at Buxton High School, graduating in 1893. He attended the Gray Business College and became an accountant and office manager of Jay Paper Company for three years. The next seven years he worked for DuPont in Cincinnati. He then came to Portsmouth and worked for the Publishers' Paper Company. After a three year stint he came to the Conway Lumber Company, established in 1907 and there he was employed until 1920. In that year he and his wife, Flossalinda (Hadlock) established the Pequawket Camps (on West Main Street) where later our church's stalwart Helen Cotton, operated out town's kindergarten during the 1950's and 1960's.



Did you ever realize how many of our early members were originally employed for the Conway Lumber Company? Pequawket Camp for Boys was located on fifty-five acres of woodland with a mile of shoreline. It offered horseback riding, swimming, camping facilities, boating, and athletic fields. According to Janet Hounsell, campers and staff were ferried to the shore opposite the main house. The Wigwam was created and the boys slept in canvas, wood framed sleeping structures. A local boy contracted polio at the end of the decade and the camp was closed. Swimming in the pond was suspected as the cause as little was known about polio. In 1931, the property was purchased by Henry Weir who named the place Swanweir. He built the cottages that now exist on the property later purchased by Chester and Helen Cotton, both active parishioners of our church.

Mr. Smith also was a leader of the Scouts, the Camp Directors' Association, a precinct commissioner, clerk, municipal court judge of Conway, a Republican State Legislator in 1927-8, a thirty-second degree Mason of both the Scottish and York rites. and the Men's Club.

He was deeply interested in work for young people and was the Superintendent of both our Sunday School and its branch in the West Side School - where briefly there were more students than in Town. Mrs. Smith was a Sunday School teacher as well. During this time over 150 students were enrolled in our Sunday School and this lasted until the late 1960's. How we wish the world had not changed in that regard! When Mr. and Mrs. Smith were not living at Camp Pequawket, they lived in an attractive bungalow nearby. May we now remember the Smiths and their valued influence with our Christian education.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Wiggin

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Church, UCC**

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cvccwebteam@gmail.com

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September Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 6th – Communion Sunday

Scripture: *Psalm 149*

Exodus 12:1-11

Romans 13:8-14

Sermon: “*The Glory of Take-Out Food*”

Sunday, September 13th

Scripture: *Psalm 114*

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: “*Do You Believe in Clean Eating?*”

Sunday, September 20th

Scripture: *Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45*

Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: “*Give Us Our Daily Bread*”

Sunday, September 27th

Scripture: *Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16*

Exodus 17:1-7

Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon: “*Who’s Responsible for My Suffering?*”

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm	2 <u>Office Closed</u>	3	4 Men & Woman's Bible Study 9am Zoom	5
6 10am Zoom Worship Meeting	7 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	8 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 4:30	9 <u>Office Closed</u>	10	11 Men & Woman's Bible Study 9am Zoom	12
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Temporary Office Hours

Staff is available by phone only. Office is staffed and phones will be answered on
Mondays from

8am – 1pm and Tuesdays from 8am - 1pm.

Messages may be left at any time throughout the week
and will be answered as quickly as possible. Thank you.