

CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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THE GOOD NEWS

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God Still Speaks!

December 2020

*"Jesus was praying ...
The disciples found him,
'Everyone is looking for you!'"*
Mark 1:35

This **Advent/Christmas** is a special celebration, we are using a unifying theme. Each Sunday there will be variations on, *"If God is still speaking, what is God saying?"*. Gracie Allen wrote in her last letter to George Burns before her death, *"Never place a period where God has placed a comma"*. It suggests we never give up hope because God never gives up on us, so we need to continue living a joyous, full life. Our *"God is Still Speaking"* themes for Advent/Christmas are:

Sunday, November 29th, **1st Advent**, *"God Speaks with Assurance"*

Sunday, December 6th, **2nd Advent**, *"God Speaks with Tenderness"* - *Communion*

Sunday, December 13th, **3rd Advent**, *"God Speaks with Certainty"*

Sunday, December 20th, **4th Advent**, *"God Speaks in Wonder"*

Thursday, December 24th - **Christmas Eve**, *"God Speaks in Light"*

Christmas Day - *"God Speaks Through Us"*

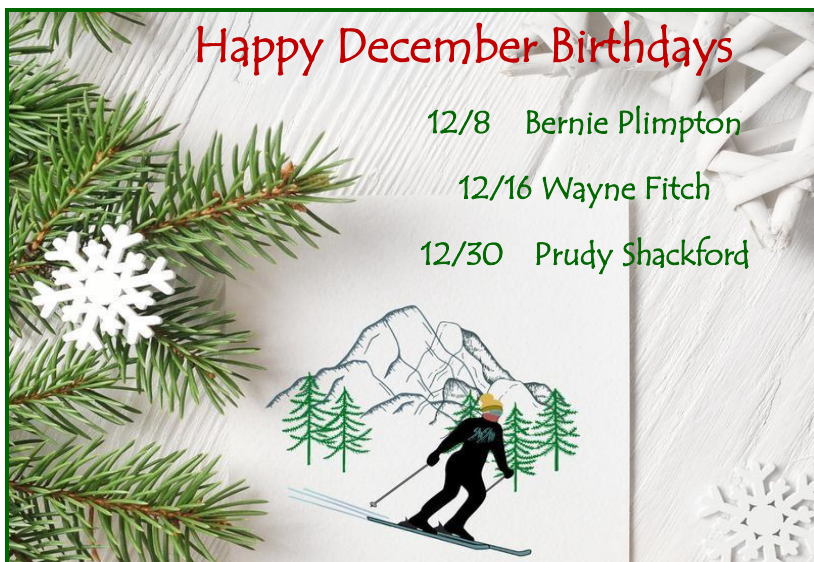
The Pilgrim Father, Reverend John Robinson, said, *"There is yet more light to shine forth from God's Word"*, i.e. the Bible continues to speak its revelations to anyone who faithfully reads and reflects on it. There are many ways God continues to address us. We will explore each week, on *Christmas Eve*, and on *Christmas Day* how God spreads **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**.

Our **Advent Sunday** Worships will Zoom at **10:00 a.m.** each Sunday morning. The **Christmas Eve Service** will be live streamed at a time to be announced. Our **Christmas Day** video presentation, and musical selection will be available at different times on a link that will be sent to each member and friend of the Brown Church.

Following our *"God is Still Speaking"* December **Advent/Christmas** theme, we will move into our January/ **Epiphany Celebration** theme of *"Bread, Bath, and Beyond"*, a celebration of *Communion, Baptism, and Glory*.

Looking Forward to considering God's Holy Word,
Reverend John Hughes





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JOIN US
 Fridays, 9 am

CONNECT WITH OUR

zoom
BIBLE STUDIES

Add your email address to our "Join Our Email" list on our web-
 site to receive email notifications & to request bible study no-
 tices with the meeting access information.
 You may also send a request to join at
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DIACONATE MESSAGE

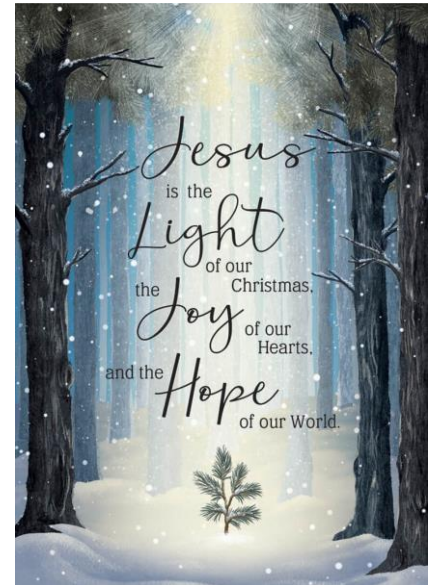
Christmas Greetings All,

December brings such Christmas joy. Abundance and awaiting baby Jesus. As I write this short piece, we are preparing our thanksgivings. Thanksgiving this year may seem alone and isolated in our small little bubbles. We are never alone. My thoughts, that I've shared with some of my loved ones, is that Christ asked us to be patient. He asked us to be kind and I feel like in some subtle way he might have wished and hoped and asked us to be flexible. If we are flexible with our plans around the holidays, I feel we will be rewarded richly in every way.

Joy and light is free and available to all who seek it. Christmas joy is seasonal but having Joy 24/7 is available all year round regardless of the week or the month or the hour.

I am hoping you all look for the light and joy. Christ is light and joy. It is abundant and free!! May God bless you and warm you all through this Christmas season and always.

Louise Saxby



DIACONATE

Judy Workman

Louise Saxby

Dawn Vitters

Suzanne Rancourt

Nancy Divine

Holly Necochea

Mitzi Fitch

December Deaconess

of the Month

Louise Saxby

Next Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday

December 2, 5:00 PM



*Unto us a
Child is Born*

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-November 2020	452	974	40,908	332	165	67	49
<i>January-November 2019</i>	<i>455</i>	<i>975</i>	<i>40,950</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>62</i>



Thanksgiving Baskets

Total Families 70
Total People 136

Baskets given to the following:

Conway Elementry	22 families
Kennett Middle School	6 families
Kennett High School	12 families
Way Station	12 dinners
Conway PD	2 dinners
Conway Fire Dept.	2 dinners

Total Dinners - 56

Total Thanksgiving Baskets - 126

A huge thanks to all who helped, from putting the baskets together to giving them out. This was a new norm this year. Someone said there are "Angels" on earth watching over us, there sure was a lot of them helping with the Mission, without all of you we could not have pulled it off. THANKS and GOD BLESS you all.

The Outreach Committee



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.

Outreach Committee

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

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."

OUTREACH - FOOD PANTRY

Exciting News!

For the **Month of December** buy this bag &
CVCC Food Pantry receives a \$1 donation!

Each time a \$2.50 reusable **FIGHT HUNGER BAG** is purchased at the Hannaford located at
32 Mountain Valley Blvd, North Conway, **\$1 will be donated to our Food Pantry.**

Spread the news to friends and family. The more people who learn about the program and
purchase the Fight Hunger Bag during the month of **DECEMBER**, the more money we will raise.

To learn more about this program, please visit hannaford.bags4mycause.com. Thank you!



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TO SEND A \$1 DONATION
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TRUSTEES MESSAGE

A big thank you to all who have kept up with their pledges and plate donations. This is extremely helpful, so that the church can cover its expenses. This allows our church to continue with the online worship services and continue serving the community through the Dinner Bell and the Food Pantry.

All members should have received a Stewardship letter with a 2021 pledge card. If you did not receive one, please call the church. Please be sure to mail your pledge card back to the church as soon as possible, so the trustees can update the 2021 budget with the total pledged.

The trustees met with the architect, and Bergeron Technical Services to review the priorities for the master plan and approve the next stage. The next steps will be to have structural designs and plans drawn.

Building use protocols have been set and have been posted around the church. We had hoped to have the self-help groups back in the church by December 1st, but that is now on hold due to the increase in Corona virus cases in Carroll County.

Many people will have to make difficult decisions and change their plans for celebrating the holidays this year. We wish you and your families a happy and healthy Advent season and a peaceful and merry Christmas from

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

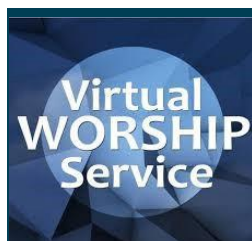


TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

Tuesdays, 4:30 pm

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

12 / 6	John Edgerton
12 / 13	Anne Getchell
12 / 20	Nancy Irving
12 / 27	Kim Murdoch



Sundays 10:00

If you would like the access information to attend these "meetings" please send a request for zoom info to cvccwebteam@gmail.com



Worship

WITH US
ON ZOOM



PRAYER REQUEST

We are here to lift you up in prayer.

- ◇ Alice Clapp
- ◇ Cathy Currier
- ◇ Colleen Albert
- ◇ Ruth Ward
- ◇ Bob Kimball

- ◇ Elise Keeney Edgerton
- ◇ Linda Frechette
- ◇ Lisa and Sandy Stowell

November Worship Service Attendance		
Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
11/1	60	Communion , All Saints Day "Congratulations!"
11/8	54	"Being Shut Out"
11/15	57	"Hoarding for God?"
11/22	56	Thanksgiving Sunday "Is This a Parable or a Prophecy?"
11/29	65	1st of Advent "The Sky is Falling"

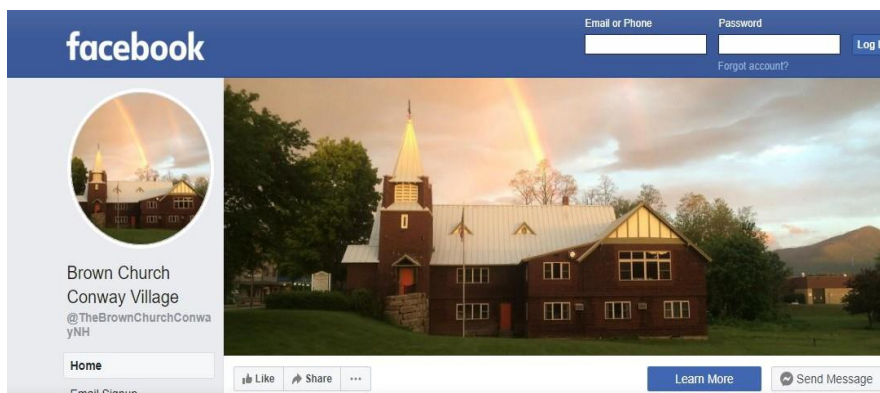
*To add someone to the
prayer list
Please call 603-447-3851
or email us at
info@thebrownchurch.org
Thank you*

**WATCH JANUARY NEWSLETTER FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
 Last Sunday In January

or check our website

 Likely Via Zoom



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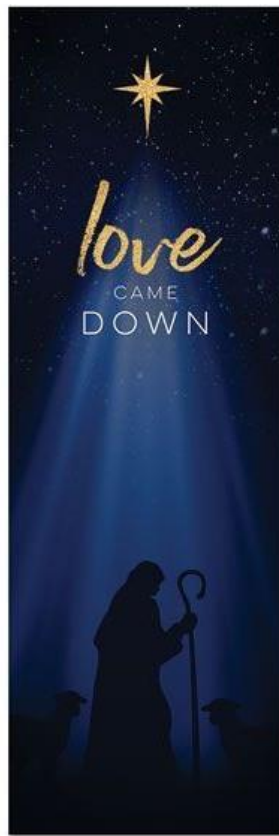
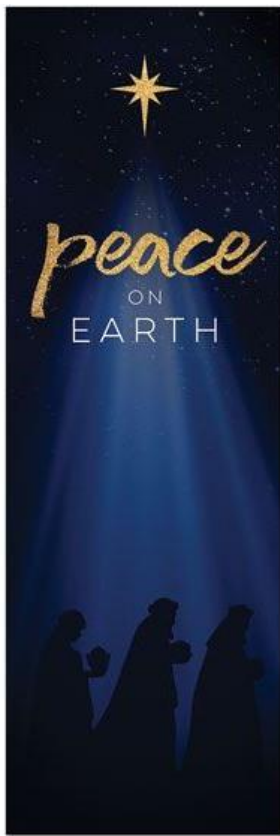
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This will help folks who may not be familiar with our church know we are

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





CVCC Office Hours

Monday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 am—4:00 pm
CLOSED FRIDAYS	

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Moderator
Carl Vitters

Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper
Melody Bergman



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.



Plans are in the works for Take-out only
FUNDRAISING DINNERS
Likely will be one dinner per month in
January, February and March.
More Information to follow on our
Facebook page, website, newsletters,
and local media.



Advent Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 29th – 1st Advent

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Scripture: 1Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: “*God Speaks with Assurance*”

Sunday, December 6th – 2nd Advent/Communion

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: “*God Speaks with Tenderness*”

Sunday, December 13th – 3rd Advent

Psalm 126

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon: “*God Speaks with Certainty*”

Sunday, December 20th – 4th Advent

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: “*God Speaks in Wonder*”

Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.

Psalm 96

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14, 15-20

Meditation: “*God Speaks with Light*”

Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day

Theme: “*God Speaks Through Us*”

Sunday, December 27th – Christmas Time

Psalm 148

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1:10-62:3
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	2 Diaconate Meeting 5pm	3	4 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	5 Virtual Tree Lighting 4:30 pm 
6 Second Sunday of Advent 10am Zoom Worship Meeting	7 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	8 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	9	10	11 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	12
13 Third Sunday of Advent 10am Zoom Worship Meeting	14 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	15 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	16	17	18 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	19
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10am Zoom Worship Meeting	21 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	22 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	23	24 Virtual Christmas Eve Service 7 PM 	25 Christmas Video Presentation 	26
27 10am Zoom Worship Meeting	28 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	29 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	30	31 		