



## CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

February 2021



# THE GOOD NEWS

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### Finding Valentine's Day

***"What kind of Valentine's Day can we have this year?"***, some newlyweds were asking, ***"Everything is closed!"*** It is true that this particular year there may be no ***"deals"*** on the internet, no lavish chocolates, no going out for candlelight dinners, or planning for a romantic getaway. It may seem as if ***Valentine's Day*** is canceled. The Pandemic may cause us monetary distress and fear of mixing in with others publicly - - we may feel we are *sheltered-in-place*.

When we study relationships for counseling purposes, we discover an interesting reality. Many couples report their happiest moments and times were when they were beginning life together and had few monetary resources.

***"When we had nothing,"*** some report, ***"we were left with each other and our dreams. There were no decisions to make, nothing to purchase, and we were just enjoying a simple life. I wonder, what happened to those glorious days?"***

Saint Valentine was martyred in Rome. Before he died, the story goes, he wrote a jailer's blind daughter. The daughter had paid him a visit, filled with kindness, which touched Valentine as he waited for his execution. He wrote her a note in which he explained the hope his faith brought him. He then signed the note, ***your Valentine***.

At the very moment of his execution, the young girl's blindness was cured; she had perfect sight. ***What a romantic story!*** We may accept the story as literally true, a story of healing. We may also consider the story figuratively true - - the daughter, upon Valentine's death, ***'saw clearly'*** what true faith means.

Romance is a feeling of mystery, excitement, and remoteness from everyday life, when we are lifted to a greater reality - - we are left only with our beloved! Our ***'beloved'*** may be someone else, a wonderful movie, a great book, nostalgic music, old familiar pictures, a lonely walk through the woods, a stroll by the seashore, a revelation - - things which often cost nothing.

This year, many people are feeling normality has been canceled! What are we to do with ourselves?  
***Why not fall in love?***

Rev. John Hughes



**CHICKEN  
PARMESAN  
TO-GO!**



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WED. 2/17  
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**PICK UP WED. 2/17, 4:30-6 PM  
132 MAIN ST., CONWAY VILLAGE**

**Save the Date!**



***3/17: Corned Beef & Cabbage***



**CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
*The Brown Church*  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**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](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com)



# Celebrating FEBRUARY Birthdays

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

2/1 Paul Getchell  
2/4 Marilyn Hughes  
2/8 Phyllis Breeden  
2/10 Dan Lavigne  
2/13 Dale Hamilton  
2/20 Peggy DiPace  
2/23 Susan Proctor

## 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."*

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## January Worship Service Attendance

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
1/3	57	Communion Sunday "By Another Road"
1/10	56	"Just How were You Bathed?"
1/17	62	"Being Recognized and then Valued"
1/24	69	"Resting in God Alone"
1/31		"Knowledge Puffs Up but Love Builds Up"

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**thebrownchurch.org**

<http://thebrownchurch.org>

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Brown Church  
Conway Village

# JOIN US

## Fridays, 9 am



CONNECT WITH OUR

# zoom

## BIBLE STUDIES

Add your email address to our "Join Our Email" list on our website to receive email notifications & to request bible study notices with the meeting access information.

You may also send a request to join at

[cvccwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com).



**Conway Village  
Church**

**JANUARY'S  
POT ROAST  
DINNER**



Carl Vitters  
Master Chef

Mitzi Fitch,  
Donna West &  
Nancy Divine  
Sous Chefs



*Save  
THE  
Date*

**CHICKEN  
PARMESAN  
TO-GO!**



**FEBRUARY SUPPER  
WED. 2/17**

## DIACONATE MESSAGE

### LOVE-THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY

February is here! As I was thinking about writing this article, the first thing to pop into my head was **LOVE**! Then, I was singing "What the world needs now is Love, Sweet Love; No, not just for some, but for everyone" and that is certainly the truth!

Valentine's Day was the next thought to follow. I reminisced over the years of Valentine's Days past, even back to the handmade doily adorned valentines that we labored over for our mothers and classmates and the comparison to the store bought ones used today.

This brought me to the greatest **LOVE** ever known: God's Love for mankind!

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". God sent Jesus to us as a teacher and our Savior. He taught us that the second greatest commandment was to 'love your neighbor as yourself'. Mark 12:31a He daily exhibited to the world what that love looked like.

Paul, following Jesus' teachings, wrote it down for us in his letter to the Corinthians. Other than the Christmas and Easter scriptures, 1 Corinthians 13 is probably one the most familiar in the Bible. We've heard it at most weddings we've attended and have read it many times, we recognize it's truth and have seen its example in Christ's life. Even so, I must admit the difficulty I have in obediently following it. Let's read it again . . . how God loves...

1 Corinthians 13:1-13:

(Love) And now I will show you the most excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Let's keep striving to **love** God's way!

Judy Workman



### DIACONATE

Judy Workman

Louise Saxby

Dawn Vitters

Suzanne Rancourt

Nancy Divine

Holly Necochea

Next Diaconate Meeting

March 3rd, 5pm

*No February Meeting*

February Deaconess of the Month

Judy Workman



Conway Village Cong. Church Food Pantry  
132 Main Street  
Conway, NH 03818

As we start a new year, we would like to provide you with a year-end summary of your activity with the NH Food Bank for 2020.

The new Agency Agreement signed this past year by all agencies requires that all programs acquire 3,000 pounds of food from the NH Food Bank annually. This requirement was added under Feeding America advisement. But, this rule does not apply to 2020 based on activity surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Many programs were closed for most of the year or decreased and changed their distribution practices. We do plan to reinstate this rule once the pandemic is over. All programs will be notified when that time comes.

For your own records, we are providing you with your 2020 year-end summary for the NH Food Bank. If you would like to know the "Fair Market Value" of the goods you received, multiply the pounds received (below) by \$1.62 to determine that amount. (*\$1.62 per pound is the Fair Market Value set forth by Feeding America.*)

**\*Jan. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2020 your program acquired 30,593 lbs. from the NH Food Bank.**

**\*The Shared Maintenance Fees paid by your program for the above product was \$1,150.94.**

We would like to thank you for your continued partnership with the NH Food Bank and we look forward to what 2021 brings. Thank you for all that you do every day in your community! As always, feel free to contact us with any questions.

Your NHFB Agency Relations Team,  
Mysty, Christy, Emily, Luke & Jocelyn



## Conway Village Congregational Church



**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.

## Food Pantry Wish List

Ramen Noodles-Chicken and or Beef  
Rice-A-Roni-Chicken or Beef  
Ketchup - 20 oz.  
Mustard - 20 oz  
Mayo - small jar  
Stable Milk 32 oz.  
Juice - orange or apple 64 oz.  
Chicken Broth  
SM. Soup - Chicken Noodle or Tomato  
Canned Fruit -15 oz - any kind  
Jelly - 16 oz. grape or strawberry  
Sm. canned Chicken and Tuna 5 oz.  
Baked Beans - 15 oz. - any kind  
Canned Pasta - 15 oz., any kind  
Diced Tomatoes - 15 oz.  
Tomato Sauce - 15 oz.  
Pasta Sauce - (can) 15 oz.  
Pasta Sauce - (jar) 32 oz.  
Beef Stew - 150 oz.  
Boxed Spaghetti - 1lb.  
Boxed macaroni - elbow 1lb.  
Crackers - 1lb.  
Canned-Peas, Carrots, Green Beans, & corn - 15 oz.  
Cold Cereal - 10.8 any kind  
Instant Oatmeal - 1lb.  
Paper Towels  
Toilet paper - individually wrapped  
Shampoo - White Rain or Suave - 24 oz.  
Dawn - small size  
Laundry Detergent - Tide-small size  
Lg. Laundry Detergent - Dollar Brand in green container  
Hand Soap - Dial 2 or 3 pk bars



## Prayer

## Requests

- ◇ Alice Clapp
- ◇ Cathy Currier
- ◇ Colleen Albert
- ◇ Ruth Ward
- ◇ Bob Kimball
- ◇ Elise Keeney
- Edgerton
- ◇ Linda Frechette
- ◇ Jane Allen
- ◇ Rev. Stineford
- ◇ Mary Chesley
- ◇ Frank Hacket
- ◇ Lisa & Sandy
- Stowell
- ◇ Alice Spear



*To add someone to  
the prayer list  
Please call 603-447-3851  
or email us at  
[info@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org)*

## Outreach Committee

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

## 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 2021 Totals	30	74	3,108	27	15	5	3
January 2020 Totals	35	78	3,276	21	13	2	2

# Bobby Graustein is a natural leader

Bobby Graustein is a three-sport standout at Kennett High School, but he's also much more than that. He's viewed as the consummate teammate by his fellow Eagles in football, alpine racing and lacrosse. Bobby has lettered in all three sports since arriving at KHS as a freshman. He has earned All-State honors in football the past three years.

Bobby also has a passion for education and his community. Hoping to one day become a school teacher, Bobby is a favorite of the youngsters in the Little Eagles Preschool at Kennett.

At a young age, Bobby recognized the importance of giving back and has done so each year when he participates in the Run to Home Base, an "organization is dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for veterans of all eras." He ranked third this year in individual fundraisers, raising \$5,700, while running a virtual 5K in Whitaker Woods in September.

**Age:** 18

**Family:** Mom, Bethanne; Dad, Steve; and sister, Liza.

**Hometown:** North Conway.

**Grade:** Senior.

**Sports you play at KHS:** "Football, lacrosse, and alpine ski racing."

**How long have you been playing:** "I've played football since second grade, Skied since I was 4 years old and started racing when I was in third grade. I began playing lacrosse in first grade."

**What has been your favorite high school sports moment:** "My favorite moment was when the football team beat Plymouth my junior year."

**How has COVID-19 impacted you:** "Sports are one of my favorite things and it's been hard not having them fully normal."

**What's your goal for the future:** "My goals for the future are to graduate from college and become a successful teacher; continuing to mentor as many children as I can in the classroom and athletically."

**Pre-game rituals:** "Separating myself and playing a game on my phone."

**Favorite senior athlete and why you selected**



**him/her:** "Ethan Baillargeon — he just never quit and works his heart out at every practice."

**Favorite food:** "Oreos."

**Favorite movies:** "Star Wars."

**Favorite television show:** "The Mandalorian."

**Favorite athlete:** "Chase Winovich."

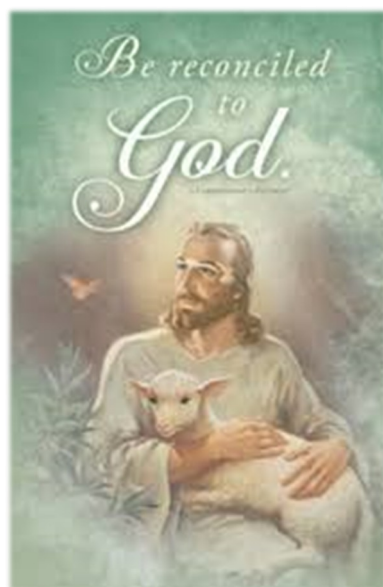
**Favorite sports team:** "Patriots."

**Favorite subject:** "Math."

**Advice for future Eagles:** "Always put your best foot forward and try your best."

**Future plans:** "My plans are to take a PG year at Bridgton Academy to have an extra year before college. Attend college for teacher education, play football and possibly lacrosse."

**If you could meet any person in the world who would you like to meet?** "If I could meet anyone I would like to meet my grandfather, Robert Stewart Graustein."



## The Dinner Bell

Fresh Homestyle Meal

**Everyone Is Welcome!!**

**Mondays 4—5 pm**

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

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



community starts at the table

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**Moderator**

**Carl Vitters**

**Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper**

**Melody Bergman**

## CVCC Office Hours

**Monday 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Tuesday 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Wednesday 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

**CLOSED FRIDAYS**



## February Trustees' Message



It seems like just yesterday, we passed from 2020 to 2021---yet, here we are in February already! The Trustees have presented a budget for 2021 recognizing that there is still a shortfall between income and expenses. Efforts are continuing to apply for the second round of the Payroll Protection Program Grant. If we are successful, the extra funds will help us offset some expenses. We appreciate the generosity from those who have made pledges and donations to support the work of our church.

As progress is made with the vaccine to begin controlling the COVID virus, we look forward to being able to re-open our building. For now, we will monitor what is happening in our valley and continue to make decisions focused on the safety and well-being of our congregants and community members. We appreciate that everyone who has business at the church will continue to follow our guidelines to keep everyone safe and healthy.

As always, we are grateful for the work and donations of members, friends and many volunteers who continue to support our food pantry, dinner bell and church take-out suppers. With this support, our community is served and our church realizes much needed income to support basic functions and our missions.

Work also continues to finalize plans to restructure and renovate our church building, so we can meet current and future needs and missions. There is a great deal of background investigation and planning with architects, engineers and our project manager that is required to assure we have looked at all options for updating our building. A Capital Campaign Steering Committee continues to meet with these groups and when plans are completed, we will share those with the congregation and work on the next stage for funding the project.

Our "Brown Church" has the good fortune to have members and friends who continue to connect each Sunday for inspiring messages and music. **Thank you to all who make those connections possible!** The faces and voices we see and hear on Sunday keep our faith strong, strengthen our hope that we can gather in person someday soon and help us believe that all things are possible with God's guidance.

### CVCC Board of Trustees:

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

### TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

Tuesdays, 5:00 pm

**Z O O M**

### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

2 / 7	Nancy Irving
2 / 14	Kim Murdoch
2 / 21	Paul Weld
2 / 28	Duddie Andrews

## HISTORY CORNER

Where did those pictures come from in Fellowship Hall of Jesus and Mary? It is an interesting story.

Recent newcomers to the church may not realize that for over a half of a century they hung just to the right of the doors as one enters the sanctuary. With the recent refurbishing of Fellowship Hall, they were moved to the western wall of Fellowship Hall over what used to be the stage.

The individual who was responsible for them was an intelligence specialist for the United States Army. He eventually achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer #4. His name? Perley Robert Wiggin. He was the 14th child of fifteen of Amber and Mark Wiggin of the Side Track, West Side Road here in Conway. The family was comprised of twelve boys and three girls. My dad was the 13th and I am Perley's namesake - thus Brian P. Wiggin. (Now you all know).

Perley was a much beloved uncle and was the favorite of many of his nieces and nephews. He had extraordinary intelligence from an early age. He was the valedictorian of Kennett High School in 1947 and winner of the prestigious Kennett Cup. He enlisted in the Army on May 11, 1948 as a Private. His training camp was at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He came up through the ranks becoming a major sergeant in 1953; a warrant officer #1 in 1955; and a chief warrant officer in July 1967. He received many awards including three Battle Stars; Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, and the Commendation Medal.

His work as an intelligence officer was dangerous. The family was always fearful that he would be captured or killed by the enemies of the time. It was thus that my folks desired to carry on his name through me. Perley served in The Philippines, Korea, Japan, Lebanon (where he became friends with the Labnon family who had remained behind instead of moving to Conway), the Dominican Republic, Switzerland, Afghanistan, and Vietnam. Perley could not always identify his location in letters home to his folks. However, his mail was read before being sent to the States. However, Perley knew his folks were worried about his stay in Vietnam during the war. He cleverly asked them, "What was the first name of my French teacher at Kennett, Mrs. Pennett? I have forgotten and it's been driving me crazy." Of course, everyone knew as it was such an unusual name - "Wanda." They figured out that was a clue to where he was located in Vietnam. My Uncle Mark found a map and found the village - even though it was a sound alike. They all were quite relieved to know of Perley's whereabouts.

The watercolor paintings of the Virgin Mary and Jesus were obtained by my uncle while he was stationed in The Philippines during the early 1950's. He saw them and thought of how nice they would look in his church back home. He purchased them and had them sent to us. There originally was a third painting of the crucifixion. The Filipinos were predominantly Catholic and the painting certainly reflected that culture. Reverend Wilcox, with my Uncle's permission, gave the painting to St. Charles Church next door. Where it is now is unknown to me.

Perley and his wife Beverly, returned to Conway in the late 1960's for a dozen years or so. He worked for Gordon Burke and was the first assistant manager at Shaws. Their one daughter, Patricia, went to school here. Patricia was their tenth attempt to have a child and they were SO happy. My uncle was always so pleased to have me as his namesake and would carry me around as a baby when he was home and announce to everyone, "This is Brian P. - Brian Perley" - with a huge grin on his face. Both Perley and Bev became active members of the church again and Aunt Beverly was Ruth Henderson's right hand in organizing the Bloodmobile which was always held in our Fellowship Hall. Perley died of cancer on June 19, 2001 surrounded by his beloved wife, child, and grandchildren.

Brian Wiggin  
Historian



# Worship Schedule February

**Theme: “Let’s Try Again”**  
**[Open Mouth, Remove Foot]**

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Communion**

*Psalm 147:1-11, 20*

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31  
Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: “*The Strength to Endure*”

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Transfiguration Sunday**

*Psalm 50:1-6*

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: “*Shhh! ... Don’t Tell!*”

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday**

*Psalm 51:1-17*

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Meditation: “*The Power to Worship*”



**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Lent**

*Psalm 25:1-10*

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: “*Living through Suffering*”

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lent**

*Psalm 22:23-31*

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: “*God’s Grace Works for Really Old People!*”



# FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 DIACONATE 5:00 pm	4	5 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	6
7 10am Zoom Worship Meeting Communion Sunday	8 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	9 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	10	11	12 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	13
14 10am Zoom Worship Meeting  Happy Valentine's Day	15 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	16 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	17    4:30 - 6pm	18	19 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	20
21 10am Zoom Worship Meeting  1st Lent	22 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	23 Food Pantry 9 am - 1 pm TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	24	25	26 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	27
28 10am Zoom Worship Meeting  2nd Lent	<div>  <div> <p><b>MARCH 17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage Dinner</b></p>  </div> </div>					