



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

April 2021



THE GOOD NEWS

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Looking Forward to Worship

*“true worshipers
will worship the Father
in spirit and truth ...”
John 4:23-26*

Looking forward to regather soon in the Brown Church, we find ourselves celebrating one more Holy Week in the safety of our homes. The coming week we will gather on the Zoom platform for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter worship.

Our schedule this year will be:

Palm Sunday, March 28th – 10:00 a.m.

Theme: “*Unite and Retrieve*”

Maundy Thursday, April 1st – 6:30 p.m.

Communion Meditation: “*Remember Me?*”

Good Friday, April 2nd – 6:30 p.m.

Theme: “*A Kiss Goodbye*”

Easter Sunday, April 4th – 10:00 a.m.

Theme: “*What We Know of Easter*”

Our Worship Services will be lived-streamed on Zoom. The **Palm** and **Easter** services will be 1 hour in length, the **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** will be in devotional format, lasting 20 minutes each. Easter Sunrise service will be held behind the church on Easter Sunday, April 4th, 6:30 am. Masks required.

There will be no benediction given for Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, as spiritual reflection during Holy Week is considered part of one continuous devotion, with the Hallelujah of Easter morning serving as the benediction for the entire spiritual process.

Please take notice of the **Special Meeting** being called for on **Sunday, April 18, 2021**. Our Church Bylaws require us to take an official vote to reopen our sanctuary for worship. We look forward to meeting following worship on that Sunday to set a date to again regather as God’s faithful.

Worshipping God in spirit (**John 4**) means that our worship must come authentically from the heart. Throughout this year of remote worship, our leadership teams have attempted to offer worship music and themes that are relevant and sincere. As much as possible we have tried to offer worship free from distractions. While this has been a challenge (**to say the least!**), we hope our meditations will continue to be heart-felt expressions of our community’s faith.

Yours through Christ,
Rev. John Hughes

**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."*

Please visit our website at
thebrownchurch.org

<http://thebrownchurch.org>

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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



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/](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



DIACONATE MESSAGE

One of my resolutions this year was to “simplify” some areas in my life so it (even in theory) would be more manageable. Ha. That worked for about a nanosecond. Coronavirus remains the big “disrupter” of all things normal in my world. At work with patients and at home with family. It seems like an unending black cloud some days doesn’t it? But wait a minute.....

Wonder if I resolve to:

Be still and know all is well.

Be ready for change and to be flexible. God does make our plans sometimes, doesn’t he?

Be patient and kind. I never ever know all that is going on in someone’s life. I will take notice and above all be kind.

Reach out to those I haven’t heard from or seen. I will ask how they are doing and be ready to LISTEN.

Be grateful for every new day.

“Simplify” parts of the Bible to ease its enormity when I am feeling overwhelmed.

My favorite short verses:

1 John 4:19 “We love because he first loved us.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

Psalms 56:3 “When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”

Even simple verses have deep and important messages for us. We are to put our faith in Christ and to pray. These Bible verses are powerful, and we can understand a great deal about the desires that God has for His people.

Even the shortest Bible verse from **John 11:35** “He Wept” gives us insight into the compassion and love that Jesus Christ has for us. Have faith that when you are overwhelmed, sad, depressed, sick, or worried, that God is listening.

If I am stressing out about simplifying, it doesn’t serve me very well...perhaps I will use a verse or two above to keep me on track.

Wishing you all many warm and wonderful Easter Blessings to you and your families.

Louise Saxby



DIACONATE

Judy Workman

Suzanne Rancourt

Louise Saxby

Beth Campbell

Dawn Vitters

Mitzi Fitch

April Deaconess of the Month

Louise Saxby

Next Diaconate Meeting

April 14th

5:00 PM



Prayer Requests

- ◇ Alice Clapp
- ◇ Cathy Currier
- ◇ Colleen Albert
- ◇ Ruth Ward
- ◇ Elise Keeney Edgerton

- ◇ Linda Frechette
- ◇ Jane Allen
- ◇ Lisa & Sandy Stowell
- ◇ Alice Spear



March Worship Service Attendance		
Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
3/7	51	<u>Communion Sunday</u> "Proper Proportions"
3/14	49	"Becoming What We Need to Be"
3/21	57	"Looking to the Future"
3/28		"Untie It and Bring It"

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

JOIN US

Fridays, 9 am



CONNECT WITH OUR

zoom

BIBLE STUDIES

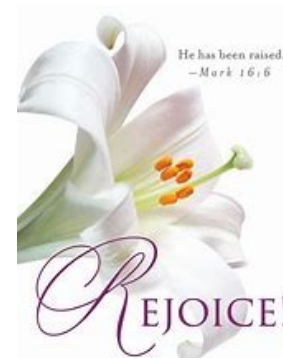
Add your email address to our "Join Our Email" list on our website to receive email notifications & to request bible study notices with the meeting access information.
 You may also send a request to join at
cvccwebteam@gmail.com.



- ◇ 4/14 Dana Jones
- ◇ 4/15 Lewis Busell
- ◇ 4/16 Bill Weiss
- ◇ 4/20 Megan Vitters
- ◇ 4/21 Judy Workman
- ◇ 4/24 Ciarra McLlarky
- ◇ 4/26 Anne Getchell
- ◇ 4/30 Suzanne Rancourt



- ◇ 4/8 Kristin Burnell
- ◇ 4/11 Laura Sorensen



A Huge Thank You

to everyone who has supported our monthly dinners this year!

Even with today's challenging times we have had terrific success with our efforts.

Your support helps us support others in our community!

Watch our website for information of our upcoming May Dinner!

St. Patrick's Dinner-to-go at the Brown Church



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 12th Take Out Dinner

Our next chance to further our mission to support the healing and welfare of the Mount Washington Valley will be a take out dinner on May 12th.

Please watch our website and our May newsletter for more details. Thank you for your support!

Conway Village
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**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.

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 - Can or Pouch
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 Tree brand in green container
Hand Soap - Dial 2 or 3 pk bars

Outreach Committee

**Anne Getchell, Dawn Vitters,
Laura Sorensen, Charlyne Gray,
Charles Monaghan & Sylvia Weld**

Outreach Committee

WOW! A year has gone by and we still have not returned to our normal everyday lives.

A HUGE, THANK YOU goes out to all the GREAT volunteers who have stuck with the Pantry on Monday and Tuesday's. We are blessed to have such a great group.

Our Food Pantry still does not have the clients coming into the pantry, instead, their food is delivered to them at the bottom of the ramp, the volunteer goes back inside after the empty carts are returned, they are sprayed and wiped down with disinfectant. The client's wave to us from their cars. We miss that contact with them to see how they are doing, as well as their families.

We continue to get deliveries twice a month, on the 1st and 2nd Thursdays, from Food Bank and USDA. We are now able to order online from Dollar Tree which means we will be able to get (hopefully) more than just one case of an item.



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Outreach Committee (cont.)

For the last 3 months, January, February, and March, we have been participating in the Mobile Food Drive put on by the Food Bank, which has helped very much. The Food Bank has not compiled all tallies for February. So far the numbers we have to date are:

10/22/2020	252 families, 737 Individuals and 14,336 pounds of food
01/28/2021	306 families, 1,018 individuals and 28,904 pounds of food
02/25/2021	# of families N/A, # of individuals N/A 23,562 pounds of food
03/25/2021	Last Mobile Food Pantry

We want to give a big thank to Charlyne Gray, Marilyn Hughes, John Saxby, and Sylvia & Paul Weld for helping with these mobile food pantries. Also please welcome aboard to the committee Charles Monaghan.

I would like to end this report with a quote from last month's newsletter.

“We are “CVCC” strong!!! We, CVCC, have the faith to move mountains and to keep that mountain away.”

Take Care, Stay Safe and God Bless

Anne, Dawn, Laura, Charlyne, Charles and Sylvia



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>
First Quarter 2021 Totals <i>Does not include March 30th</i>	93	205	8,610	80	34	8	10
<i>First Quarter 2020 Totals</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>11,172</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>9</i>

Aint Spring Wonderful?

*Old man winter has lost his hold
For four long months he has chilled our bones
Welcome to spring and it's soft, warm breeze
Bringing life anew and an inner peace.*

*The Robins are bobbing all over the lawns
The songbirds serenade us with their songs.
It seems the world has awakened from sleep
And Spring makes good it's promise to keep.*

*Soon trees are adorned with new leaves of green
And squirrels are busily making a scene.
The frogs in the pond are singing their song
And the mantle of ice on the brook is gone.*

*The sun already is high in the sky
And the clouds are smiling as they drift on by.
The daffodils and crocus are lifting their heads
While the pansies are happy and snug in their beds.*

*So aint spring a wonderful, glorious season?
It lifts one's spirit and gives life a reason.
To set aside all our griefs and sadness
And greet each day with thanks and gladness.*

*So it's spring again ~ new life, new hope
Be a kid again ~ go skip-a-rope!*

-Mary Russo





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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO: All Members and Friends of the Conway Village Congregational Church

A Special Meeting of the Membership of the Conway Village Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at approximately 11:00 am following the church service via Zoom. As in the past the vote will be for members only and will be conducted by roll call. Please use the weekly link for the church service to participate in this vote.

As you remember at the beginning of the pandemic in March of last year, the church voted to suspend in person attendance and only have the church building open for essential use. As the vaccination of our members continue, it is time for CVCC to discuss the opening of our church building. All current CDC protocols will be followed when the building is open to the public.

The purpose of this Special Meeting will be:

To vote on the re-opening of the church.

If the vote is yes, we need to discuss where we go from here.

Dated at: Conway, New Hampshire, on the 15th of March 2021

Dawn Vitters, Clerk

The Dinner Bell



Fresh Homestyle Meal

**Everyone Is
Welcome!!**

Call office on Mondays for menu!
447-3851

TRUSTEES

Spring has sprung, the snow is melting with temperatures in the 60's to close out March.

Thanks to all who volunteered for the St. Patrick's Day take out dinner. We have done enough of these now and have the system down pat! We will be taking the month of April off and the next dinner will be May 12th, menu to be determined.

The Capital Campaign Committee met with the architect and technical services to look over the preliminary Basic Schematic Design. The design showed us the proposed upgrades to ADA access, the kitchen, the food pantry and the roof, to name a few. The engineer will be looking at necessary repairs to the structure that will need to be done first. We are in hopes to have a ballpark figure of what our "wish list" will cost later this spring. We will be having a Special Meeting, by Zoom, after the service on April 18th, to discuss reopening the church. Please plan to attend.



At the end of March, Nancy Divine came off the Board of Trustees. Her knowledge and experiences were a huge asset to us and she will be missed.

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

TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

**Tuesdays, April 6'th & 20'th
5:00 pm**



TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

4 / 4	Anne Getchell
4 / 11	Nancy Irving
4 / 18	Kim Murdoch
4 / 25	Tom Workman



Theme: “recreating community”

Sunday, April 4th – Easter Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

Communion Reflection: “*I am What I am!*”

Sunday, April 11th

Psalm 133

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35
John 20:19-31

Sermon: “*Holding One’s Breath*”

Sunday, April 18th

Psalm 4

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon: “*Who Keeps You Up at Night?*”

Sunday, April 25th

Psalm 23

Scripture: Acts 4:5-12
John 10:11-18

Sermon: “*The Marks of Good Shepherding*”



Sundays 10:00 AM

If you would like the access
information to attend these “meetings”
please send a request for zoom info to

cvccwebteam@gmail.com



April 2021

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1 Communion



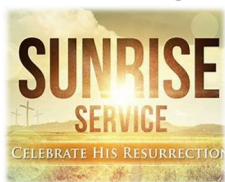
2 Bible Study
9am Zoom
Office Closed



3



4 10am Zoom
Worship Mtg



5 Dinner Bell
4-5 pm
Take Out
Only

6 Food Pantry
9 am - 1 pm
TRUSTEES
5:00 pm

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9 Bible Study
9am Zoom
Office Closed

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11 10am Zoom
Worship
Meeting

12 Dinner Bell
4-5 pm
Take Out
Only

13 Food Pantry
9 am - 1 pm

14 Diaconate
Mtg. 5 PM

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16 Bible Study
9am Zoom
Office Closed

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18 10am Zoom
Worship
Meeting



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4-5 pm
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20 Food Pantry
9 am - 1 pm
TRUSTEES
5:00 pm

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