

# CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

June 2021



## THE GOOD NEWS

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### Building Our Beloved Community Anew

*“I cannot go in these ...  
He [David] took his staff in hand,  
chose five smooth stones ...  
and with his sling in hand,  
approached the Philistine.”  
1 Samuel 17:39-40*

The story of David and Goliath tells the story of a shepherd boy who prepares to meet a giant Philistine in battle. In hopes of pleasing King Saul, David first dresses in a tunic, a coat of iron, and a bronze helmet. David, a young lad, cannot move freely in standard battle gear; it is not a good fit. David ditches all the armor and takes up his shepherd staff, a slingshot, and 5-round, smooth stones, which he knows will project the furthest. He prepares to meet his formidable foe with what works best for him, not in the traditional way which Saul offers.

People are thrilled to see the infection rate for Covid-19 infection drop in Conway and cannot wait to return *“to normal”*. Covid-19 was a giant problem, more formidable than most people anticipated. The recovery will take many months, perhaps years! Our church leadership is realizing that what we are facing is not so much *“returning to worship”* which we have known as much as *“building our beloved community anew”*. Saul, representing the old way traditional ways and David, representing youthful energy, is a good metaphor for us going forward.

We have suffered some losses because our sanctuary space has been idle for 15 months. Our organ has suffered, our pews are cracked, the heat-humidity-air conditioning has proven inadequate. We are not talking so much about rebuilding or restoring as deciding *“who and what do we need to be to bring God’s Good News to our community in new, innovative ways”*. Our “goliath problems” will take much prayer, preparation, and imagination. It will ask us to be inventive as well as open-minded.



Our membership has been accommodating this past year as we attempted to bring the best worship experience possible under trying circumstances. We will need again to call upon your patience as we move to create new forms of worship going forward. The Greek word for community/fellowship is *“koinonia”*, a concept of joint participation, sharing, and intimacy, which brings people together with God and each other in profound ways. Koinonia is the sharing of praise, music, sacrament, sermon, and scripture in thoughtful, meaningful ways. We pray the Holy Spirit will allow us to experience our community in ways yet to be imagined! We ask your understanding in allowing us to move forward.

Looking forward to a new opportunity of faith,  
Rev. John Hughes

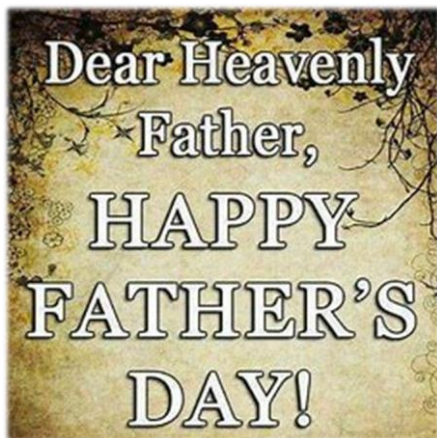
## Conway Village Congregational Church

### 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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United Church of Christ

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**Carl Vitters**

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**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



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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





# The Conway Village Congregational Church

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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, July 18, 2021, at approximately 11:00 am following the church service and via Zoom. As in the past the vote will be for members only and will be conducted by a show of hands and by roll call on Zoom. Please use the weekly link for the church service to participate in this vote if you are attending by Zoom.

The purpose of this Special Meeting will be:

To review the updated 2021 Budget

To review the proposed 2022 Budget.

To conduct any other business that may come to the floor of the meeting.

Dated at: Conway, New Hampshire, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

Dawn Vitters, Clerk

## DIACONATE MESSAGE

Father's Day is fast approaching. Some of us have or had a great relationship with our fathers, some do or did not. The wonderful thing is, we can all have a close and wonderful relationship with our Heavenly Father. He is always there for us.

A wise man once told me that everything is a gift from God. I thought he was crazy. Once I was able to process this statement, I realized what he meant. The gift is a chance to look deeply into what was happening. It is an opportunity to re-evaluate my life. Do I need to make changes to my thoughts, actions, relationships, or anything else? I try to look for the positive and to live the life that God wants. He is the one being who loves and forgives me unconditionally when I ask. I am so thankful for my Heavenly Father.

Some fathers are men who care deeply for us and some are our birth fathers. Whether by birth or by choice, they love and support us emotionally. I hope everyone has a wonderful Father's Day.



### June Deaconess of the Month

Suzanne Rancourt

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### DIACONATE

Judy Workman	Suzanne Rancourt
Louise Saxby	Beth Campbell
Dawn Vitters	Mitzi Fitch

### Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday  
June 16th  
5:00 PM



The Women's Bible Study is reconvening their weekly meetings on Thursdays at 9:30am.

The group will be meeting at Ella Hills' house. If you would like to join the group, please contact the office at 603-447-3851

or email at [info@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org) for exact location.

Hope to see you there!



**PRAYER REQUEST**


- ◇ Alice Clapp
- ◇ Cathy Currier
- ◇ Colleen Albert
- ◇ Ruth Ward
- ◇ Elise Keeney Edgerton
- ◇ Linda Frechette
- ◇ Alice Spear
- ◇ Sharon Campbell
- ◇ Lisa & Sandy Stowell

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

May Worship Service Attendance		
Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
5/2	48	<b>Communion Sunday</b> <i>"Can You Explain?"</i>
5/9	48	<b>Happy Mother's Day</b> <i>"Are You Friend Material"</i>
5/16	53	<i>"For What does Jesus Pray?"</i>
5/23	47	<i>"Is the Power On?"</i>
5/30		<i>"Erupting with God's Presence"</i>

**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).

**June Birthdays**

6/2 Tom Workman	6/15 Curt Reynolds
6/5 Rob Leanna	6/17 Gloria Aspinall
6/6 Linda Kirschbaum	6/19 Jon Saxby
6/7 Lois Yeaton	6/25 Bruce McLlarky
6/9 Frank Hackett	6/30 Jean Hamilton
6/15 Bob Bernhardt	

*Happy Birthday!*

# Outreach Committee

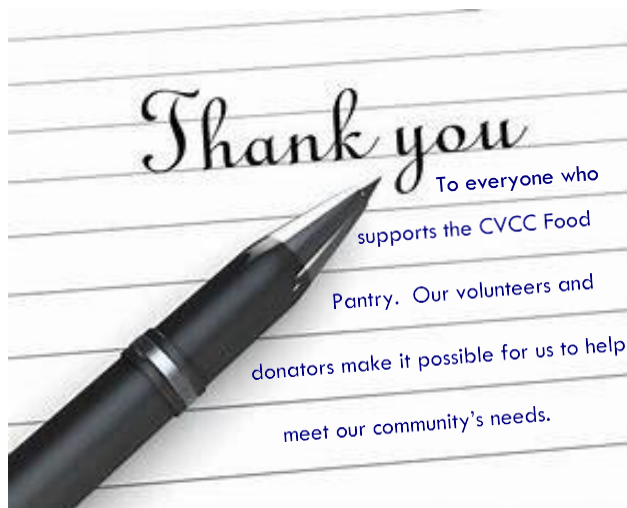
I want to give a HUGE Thank you to all the Volunteers for hanging in there during Covid-19. The Pantry still remains closed to Clients coming inside, the Volunteers are there every Tuesday putting up food, putting the food into the carts and taking out to the Clients who are waiting in their cars, even in the winter months! THANKS and God Bless every one of you.

On a personal note, we miss seeing our Clients and saying hi to them and asking how things are going, how's the family doing. Over the years they have become like a family. Now we can only wave from the ramp, it's just not the same.

We continue to partner with Walmart and shop at Dollar Tree. Over the years we were the recipients of the "Spirit of Giving" from Shaw's. This year the Shaw's corporate office decided to give Gift Cards, totaling over \$5,000, each in the amount of \$25. The Gift Cards have been passed on to the Clients, as well as our Pantry using them to shop at Shaw's. A big thank you to Shaw's!!

On May 19<sup>th</sup> we received 84 cases of breakfast boxes from NH Food Bank. They contained items such as cereal bowls, energy bars, juice boxes and shelf stable milk boxes. This was a program we partnered with NHFB and Albertsons. We gave some to 68 Hours of Hunger and will also give out to pantry Clients.

Additionally, we were contacted by a new business in the Valley called The Granite Group. The owner, Alan Fecteau, wanted to get involved with the Village. He saw the Food Pantry banner in the Annex building window and contacted us. On June 10<sup>th</sup> they will be holding a food drive. All items collected will be donated to our Pantry, all we need to do is drop off the Pantry banner to them and they will do the rest.



**The Dinner Bell**  
**Fresh Homestyle Meal**  
**Everyone Is Welcome!!**

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

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



Conway Village  
Congregational Church



**By Appointment**  
**Only**  
Tuesdays, 9-11:30 am

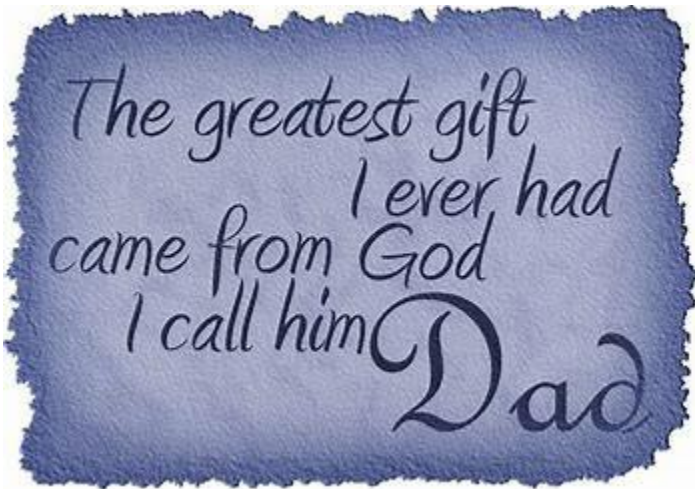
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603-447-3851

Call to make an appointment or for more information.

**Outreach Committee**

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



**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

**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 - May 2021	164	366	15,372	139	60	30	12
Jan - May 2020	209	455	19,110	138	75	32	17

## Historical Corner

We found this World War II church bulletin inside the Bible of Mrs. A. Crosby Kennett. We thought it might be of interest to our parishioners.

Brian P. Wiggin



The Second  
Congregational Church  
Conway, New Hampshire  
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We need to celebrate this day more than ever before! While the whole world is engulfed in the sinister grip of selfishness and hatred we must look again within the empty tomb and listen eagerly for the angel's words: "He is not here! He is risen!" If we will do these things the dawn of Easter Day will bring a reawakening of our minds and a keener realization that the powers of evil are never permanently victorious.

It is always difficult to see beyond the present crisis into the future's hope. The crucifixion of our Lord, with all its brutality, injustice and seeming finality erased the last ray of hope from the hearts of the disciples. He had promised ultimate victory and that sin and unrighteousness would never conquer Him. Yet, these all too human followers of the Master readily forgot these promises in the midst of their terror. How like them we are! Even the power of death was not victorious and shall not defeat us. This must be our faith: "He conquered death, therefore I, too, can conquer!" This is the promise of Easter, 1942; it is the constant promise of Christian faith. Together may we know the full power and meaning of His glorious resurrection.

*Carl C. Hochwald*

MISS JANIS PAGE is our soloist this morning. We are grateful to her.

TONIGHT at 7:30 the combined choirs of this church and The Congregational Church of North Conway will present an Easter cantata: "The Resurrection" by Charles Fonteyn Manney. You will not want to miss this service of real Easter joy.

THE CROSS and vases on the Communion Table are a gift to the church from a devoted member. Today they are used for the first time. How appropriate that supreme symbol of our faith should take its rightful place in our church today.

When Albrecht Dürer (from whose "Folded Hands" the cover design was adapted) was a poor struggling artist a friend of his who also aspired to be an artist, made an agreement with him that he would do manual labor to earn their living while Dürer studied and painted. Later, it was planned, he should have his turn to paint. But when success came to Dürer his friend's hands had become so twisted and stiff that he could no longer paint. One day, seeing his friend's work-worn hands in prayer, Dürer thought, "I can never give back the lost skill of those hands, but I can show my feeling of love and gratitude by painting his hands as they are now, folded in prayer, to show my appreciation of a noble and unselfish character."



## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

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*Let the people, on entering God's house, sit in quietness, reverently asking God's blessing on themselves and all others who have come to His house to worship.*

### A COLLECT

*(To be used on entering the Church)*

O God, Thou source of all pure desires and holy affections: give me now a quiet mind and a reverent and devout heart, that I may worthily worship Thee at this time. **Amen.**

Organ Prelude "*Easter Morning*"

Malling

Processional Hymn, No. 54

The Call to Worship (*The people seated*)

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Minister:* Let us pray, O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

*People:* And grant us Thy salvation.

*Minister:* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*People:* And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Prayer of Confession (*In unison*)

Almighty and most merciful Father. We have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done: And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent: According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake: That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. **Amen.**

The Prayer for Forgiveness

The Lord's Prayer

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Minister:* O Lord open Thou our eyes.

*People:* That we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

*Minister:* O Lord, open Thou our lips.

*People:* And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord.

*People:* The Lord's name be praised.

Gloria Patri (*The people standing*)

The Lesson from the Old Testament

Anthem "*Awake Up My Glory*"

Barnby

The Lesson from the New Testament

### The Affirmation of Faith (*The people standing*)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate.  
Was crucified, dead, and buried: The third day he rose again from the  
dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church: The Com-  
munion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the  
body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

### The General Thanksgiving (*In unison*) (*The people seated*)

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, from whom cometh every good and  
perfect gift: we yield thee praise and thanksgiving for all thy mercies.  
Thy goodness hath created us: thy bounty hath sustained us: thy  
fatherly discipline hath chastened and corrected us: thy patience hath  
borne with us: thy love hath redeemed us. Give us a heart to love  
and serve thee, and enable us to show forth thy praise, not only with  
our lips but in our lives: by giving up ourselves to thy service, and  
cheerfully submitting in all things to thy holy will: through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The National Prayer and the Pastoral Prayer

#### The Choral Response

#### The Church Week

#### Offertory Anthem, "*He is Risen!*"

Manney

#### The Doxology.

#### Congregational Hymn, No. 179

#### The Sermon, "*Glory Forever*"

#### Prayer and Choral Response

#### A Collect for the Close of Worship (*In unison*)

Sanctify, O Lord, both our coming in and our going forth: and grant  
that when we leave Thy house we may not leave Thy presence, but be  
Thou ever near unto us and keep us near unto Thee: through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Recessional Hymn, No. 165

#### Silent Prayer (*The people seated*)

#### The Benediction

#### Organ Postlude, "*Christus Resurrexit!*"

Ravanello

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Church School 11:45 A. M.

Easter Cantata 7:30 P. M.

## TRUSTEES

Even though the church is not officially open, there is a lot of activity going on that most don't see. Board meetings are now back live at the church, the Food Pantry and Dinner Bell are receiving food deliveries and getting it out to the community. The lawn is being mowed and the flowers are planted out front. The Sanctuary is being put in order and will have a thorough cleaning.

We will be testing combined zoom and in house services for the next few weeks starting May 30th. Readers will be at the church. We hope to open it up to all on July 4th, for those who wish to attend.

In May, the Steering Committee met with the architect and Bergeron Technical Services to continue the redesign of the Sanctuary.

Please save the date, we will be having a Special Meeting on July 18th at approximately 11 am, following the worship service, to give an update on the 2021 budget and a draft of the 2022 budget. You will be able to attend in person or by zoom.

John Edgerton  
 Anne Getchell  
 Carl Vitters, ex officio member (CVCC Treasurer)

Kim Murdoch  
 Tom Workman

Paul Weld  
 Duddie Andrews

Nancy Irving

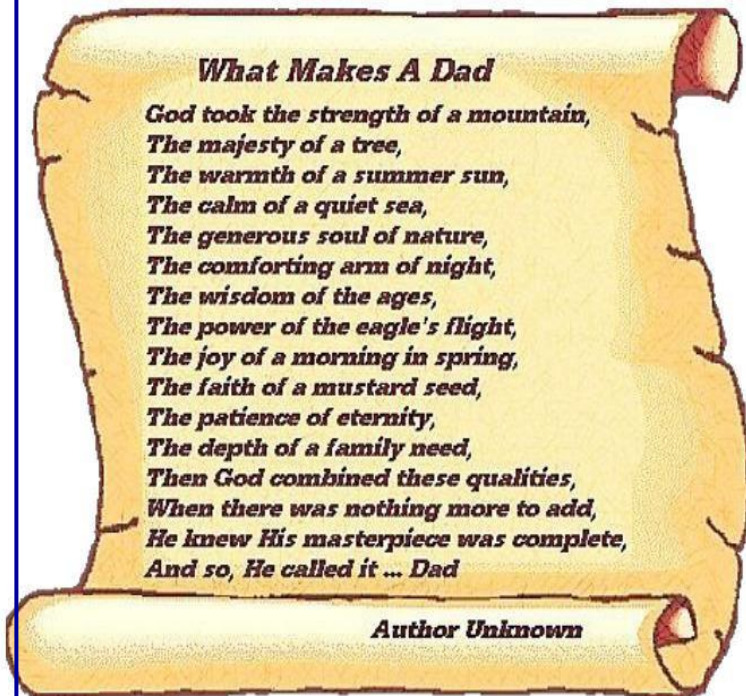
### TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

Thursday, 5/17 5:00 pm

Tuesday, June 29th 5:00 pm

### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

6 / 6	John Edgerton
6 / 13	Kim Murdoch
6 / 20	Tom Workman
6 / 27	Anne Getchell



SAVE THE DATE

Special Meeting

July 18, 2021



# JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – *Communion*

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

Sermon: “*Clashing Expectations*”

*Psalm 138*

## Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: “*Flourishing Once Again*”

*Psalm 20*

## Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – *Father’s Day* – *Carl Vitters, preacher*

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: “*TBA*”

*Psalm 9:9-20*

## Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Sermon: “*They Laughed at Him*”

*Psalm 130*



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](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com)





SUN      MON      TUE      WED      THU      FRI      SAT

		1 Food Pantry 9 - 11:30 am	2	3	4 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	5
6 10am Zoom Worship Meeting	7 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	8 Food Pantry 9 - 11:30 am	9	10	11 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	12
13 10am Zoo Worship Meeting	14 Dinner Bell 4 -6pm Take Out Only	15 Food Pantry 9 - 11:30 am	16  DIACONATE 5:00 PM	17  TRUSTEES 5:00 pm	18 Bible Study 9am Zoom <u>Office Closed</u>	19
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