



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

October 2021



THE GOOD NEWS

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A Crowded Calendar

*"I have walked with integrity,
I trust in God without wavering.
Prove me, O God, and try me;
test my heart and mind."*

Psalm 26:1

When we look at the *October Calendar* in this month's news letter - - it's crowded! Thank God! Our self-help and recovery groups are returning, our Bible Study groups are in full swing, and our food programs (*Pantry + Dinner Bell*) are in regular operation (*though still on a take-out basis only*). It is clear we are still in a "*betwixt-and-between-time*", yet there is definite movement toward a return to the full operation of our Church community.

We can see the "*blue*" bands across the Calendar for *Fryeburg Fair Preparations* and for the *Fryeburg Fair*. Volunteer lists are being placed out for sign-up after worship and online, and there is the hope that good souls will rally, creating the environment we need to successfully accomplish our fundraising and culinary tasks. While the Pandemic has increased the costs of producing *Apple Crisp* (*causing an increase in what we must charge at the Fair*), there is an excitement about providing a quality product that so many people enthusiastically return year after year to savor.

The next two months are key moments in the life of **The Brown Church**. Our *Stewardship Program* will be launched on *Sunday, October 24th*. We will need everyone's prayer and participation! We look forward to receiving "*the numbers*" for our Capital Campaign which will allow us to realistically plan and execute that process. The *Trustees* and the *Capital Campaign* committees have been working and planning for funding our ongoing programs and for retooling our Church facilities to make them accomplish our future mission and service vision. These are huge tasks and responsibilities - - the Church has been unwavering in its commitment!

Psalm 26 has the Psalmist asking God to "*Prove and try me ... test my heart and mind.*" It is the conviction and integrity that whatever God asks, the Psalmist humbly will accomplish, because he/she knows God will provide the faith needed to meet any challenge. *It is a fearful and fearless commitment!*

We have experienced this committed faith this past year and a half. The challenges we have faced have been met with determination, enthusiasm, and creative adaptation. Our hearts, minds, and faith have been tested and continue to be tried, yet there is an enthusiasm that we are being strategically called by God. We have often felt as if we couldn't catch our breath, but at the same time, we have felt our hearts running over with gratitude.

*Yours in Christ,
Rev. John Hughes*

Visit our
FAMOUS APPLE CRISP BOOTH
at the . . .



Come to our booth at the Fryeburg Fair
& Enjoy Our

**FAMOUS
APPLE CRISP!**

Made with Fresh Apples!

A Fryeburg Fair Favorite!



FAIR DATES: Sunday, October 3rd thru Sunday, October 10th

The Conway Village Congregational Church
"The Brown Church" Welcomes You!



10 AM Worship Service
132 Main St., Conway, NH
603-447-3851
info@thebrownchurch.org

Your support helps our community outreach
programs. Thank you for your support!



Sign Up On-Line,
on our website
Or call the office
to volunteer ~
help prepare crisp
or work the booth!

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Church Dinner
November 10th**

See the
November newsletter
for more information

Menu TBD



*Save
the
Date*

**Church Dinner
December 15th**

See the
November newsletter
for more information

Menu TBD



Congratulations

to **Rev. John Hughes,**

for his 45th anniversary of
his ordination on

October 3rd, 1976 at the
First Congregational Church in
Billerica, Massachusetts.



TRUSTEES

The fair and the apple crisp are back! The apples arrive soon and the peeler is oiled and ready to go. The church has been involved with the fair for decades. The booth sold many food items in the early days, such as hot dogs, hamburgers, pies, chili and more. The early booth had a dirt floor, the second booth was built on a trailer.

It was about 30 years ago that the church decided to sell apple crisp only. Twenty years ago the current trailer was purchased and has served us well.

In the very early days, the church grossed about \$3,000 for the whole week, and now can gross up to \$23,000. This income is a major part of the annual budget. In order to have a successful week, we need volunteers to prep and cook the crisp and work the shifts at the booth.

The fair is part of the church's history. Currently, there are a lot of openings for both the prep work and the booth. The prep work begins on September 29th and the fair runs October 3-10. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** You do not have to be a church member, any one can help out. Free fair parking & entry pass on the day you volunteer at the booth. If we are unable to make enough crisp or man the booth, then we will be unable to participate at the fair and lose our spot.



TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

10/3	Nancy Divine
10/10	Tom Workman
10/17	Paul Weld
10/24	Duddie Andrews
10/31	Anne Getchell

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

TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

Tuesdays

October 12th & 26th

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>



November
Newsletter
Articles
**Due by
October 20th**

Conway Village Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Conway, NH 03818**

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Phone: 603-447-3851

**Rev. John G. Hughes
Minister**

**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



If you use Facebook please "LIKE" our Facebook Page by clicking the "Like" button at the top of the page. [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TheBrownChurchConwayNH/)

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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





**October
Deaconess
of the Month
Judy Workman**

**Diaconate
Meeting
October 13th**

From the Deacon's Bench

We are Blest, Help Us Bless

As autumn has arrived, I think of Harvest. Last week in the Women's Bible Study, we reviewed Israel's Old Testament celebrations of thanksgiving to God for his blessings. One of those is the festival of Weeks celebrating the wheat harvest. We equate that to Thanksgiving. We also think of corn harvest and corn mazes. Then there is apple harvest and the Brown Church's Famous Apple Crisp!

As I searched for scripture concerning harvest, I found Jesus' words in Matthew 9:35-38 ~ *"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"*

What does this mean for us? God is the Lord of the harvest. He provides for our needs and by that He wants us to use our blessings to bless others. How do we reflect God's bounty in our everyday lives?* How can we use our blessings, our time, our talents to bless others? How do we share His light in our lives with the world around us?



Times are tough. If we can help in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

Stay safe-stay healthy!

Let's spread a little SONshine!

Happy Autumn!

Judy Workman

*Benjamin L. Corey Blog, October 23, 2014 World Vision

DIACONATE

Judy Workman

Louise Saxby

Dawn Vitters

Suzanne Rancourt

Beth Campbell

Mitzi Fitch



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



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



JOIN US MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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.

September Worship Service

Date	Special Day/Sermon Title
9/5	Communion Sunday "Jesus Took Him Aside"
9/12	"Let's Zip the Lip"
9/19	"Afraid to Ask"
9/26	"The Rest of the Story"



Women's BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study

weekly meetings are Thursdays
at 9:30 am in the
Church's Conference Room.
If you would like to join the group,
please contact the office
at 603-447-3851 or email
info@thebrownchurch.org

Bible Study will not be meeting on
Thursday, October 7th.

The bible study group will
be helping with the
Fryeburg Fair preparations.

See you at the Fair!!



Happy Birthday!

10/5 Keira Isabell McGove
10/12 Richard Quint
10/13 Jane Galloway
10/18 Cindy Thibodeau
10/19 Mitzi Fitch
10/21 Chris Getcell
10/24 Emily McClarky
10/24 Linda Frechette
10/25 Carl Vitters
10/26 Liza Graustein
10/28 Charlyne Gray
10/29 Gabriel Necochea

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 &
practicing social distancing.

TAKE OUT ONLY

Dinner Bell will not be open on the following
Dates October 4th & 11th
Hall in use for Fryeburg Fair Preparations





Ode To The Fryeburg Fair

I hope you're planning to go to the Fair
There's much to see while you spend some time there.
The traffic is slow - the tempers are high
At the Fair your troubles will quickly pass by



There really is something for all to explore
The animals are primped as never before.
The horses, the oxen, - what can I say?
They're washed and groomed, all set for display.

The cows and the sheep - such attention they're given,
Each owner seeking that prodigious blue ribbon.
Oh look over there - horse-racing, oh my!
If you're not super quick they've already gone by.

The men-folk are busy showing their strength
Chopping through wood at the shortest time length.
The ladies will flex a muscle or two~
Toss that 'ole frypan - what's the matter with you?



"Gee, I hope there's going to be rides at the Fair"
The kids are shouting while on their ride there.
While young and old love chips and fried dough,
Cotton candy, **apple crisp** and a corn dog or two.

These are a few things you're going to revisit,
There's crafts of all kinds, baked goods and exhibits.
So mark the date on your calendar page
Make the Fryeburg Fair a must-see escapade.

The Fryeburg Fair is for young and for old,
So much to take in, so much to behold.



Mary Russo



For the month of October 2021
The Dinner Bell

*will receive a \$1
donation from each
purchase of the \$2.50
reusable **GIVE BACK
WHERE IT COUNTS**
Bag at the Shaw's
Store located at
1150 Eastman Road,
Center Conway NH.*



Thank you all for your support!

Capital Campaign Update

Future plans for our church are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. We have also provided a copy in this month's newsletter of the interior floorplans on the sanctuary and office/food pantry levels (*see next page*). We continue to work with our architect and engineers to complete the plans and estimate costs. Meetings to discuss the proposals and costs will be held as approval by the congregation will be needed to proceed with the project.

Your Capital Campaign Steering Committee:

Anne Getchell

Nancy Divine

Carl Vitters

Duddie Andrews

John Edgerton

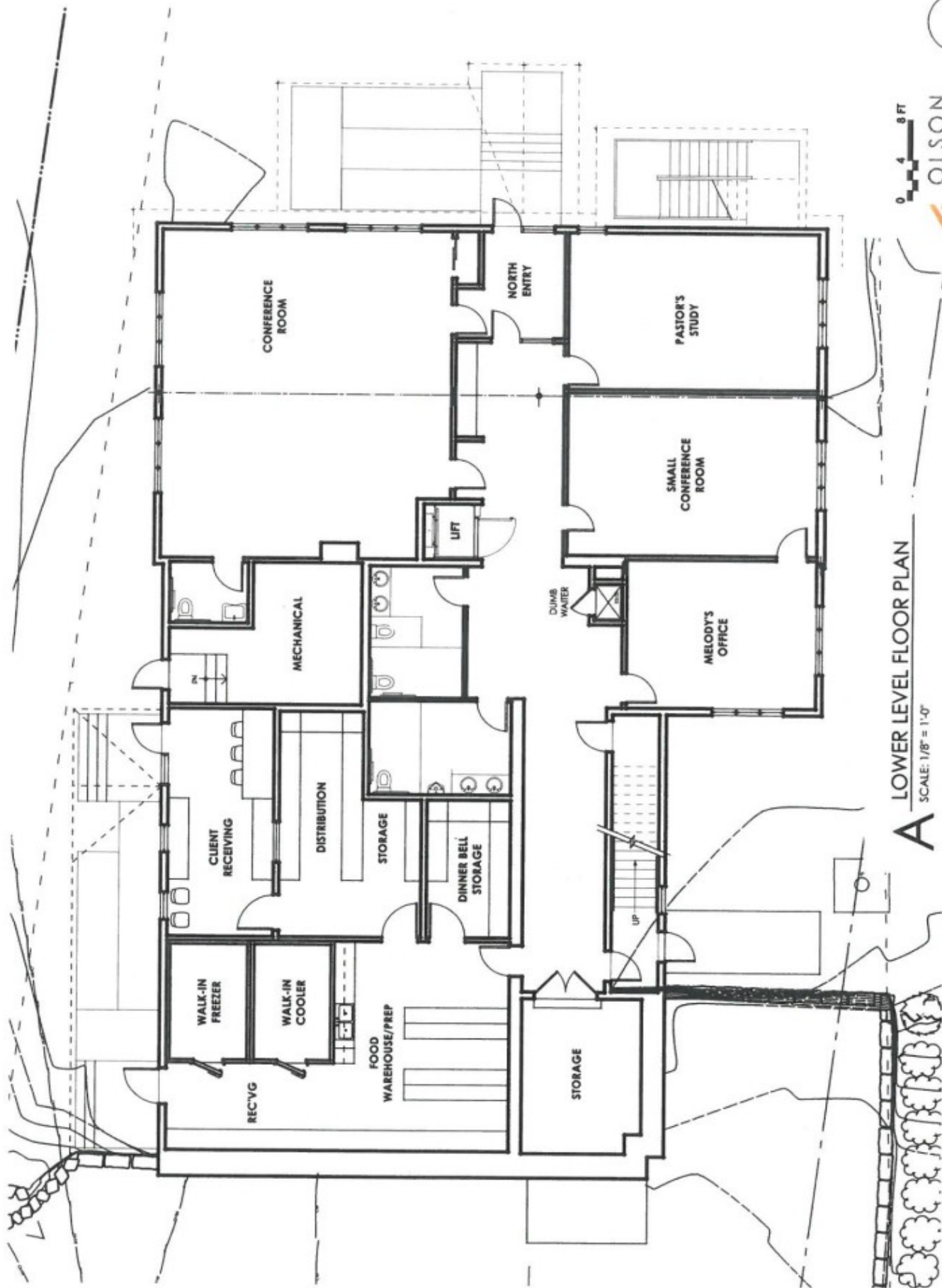
Louise Saxby

Judy Workman

Paul Weld

Rev. John Hughes





A LOWER LEVEL FLOOR PLAN
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ARCHITECTS**

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The Brown Church
Conway Village Congregational Church 09/14/21

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 2021	259	568	23,856	220	99	48	20
September 2021 <i>(Excludes 9/28th)</i>							
January - September 2020	368	778	32,676	276	121	62	32

Mobile Food Pantry



NH Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, October 28

Hours 12 - 2 pm

HAM Ice Arena

87 West Main St. Conway

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be December 2nd at the St. Joseph Moultonville Church, Ossipee, NH.

There is no Mobile Food Pantry in Conway during the months of November & December.

Generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire



Thank you
Volunteers
Your Excellence
Drives
Our Success!!

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

Conway Village Congregational Church

By Appointment
Only

Tuesdays, 9-11:30 am

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,
Charles Monaghan & Sylvia Weld**



October

Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 3, 2021 – *Worldwide Communion*

Psalm 26

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Sermon: *“Faith under Pressure”*

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Psalm 22:1-15

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: *“Have Treasure in Heaven ... Are you kidding me?”*

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Scripture: Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Mark 10:35-45

Sermon: *“Beyond our Pay Grade”*

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

Scripture: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: *“To See Clearly Once Again”*

Sunday, October 31, 2021 – *Reformation Sunday*

Psalm 146:1-10

Scripture: Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: *“Beside Him There is no Other”*

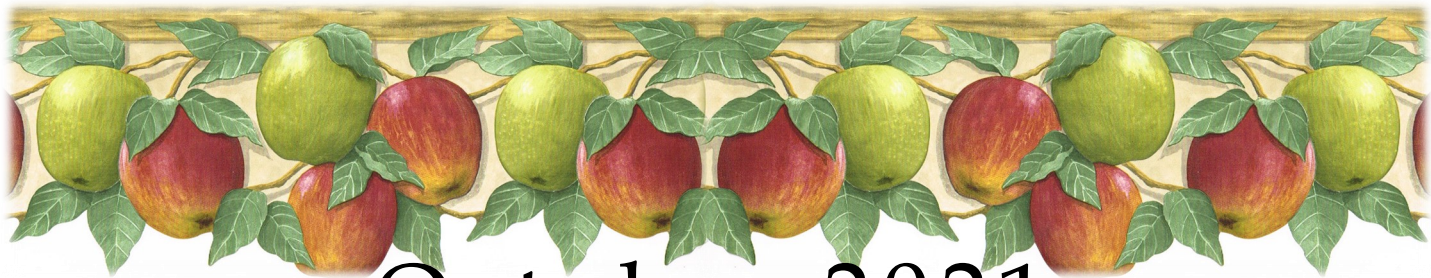


Sundays 10:00 AM

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

cvccwebteam@gmail.com





October 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 <u>Office Closed</u>	2 AA-Good Morning Group
Fryeburg Fair Preparations ~ Fellowship Hall						
3 10 am Worship Zoom Only Sanctuary Closed	4 No Dinner Bell	5 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	6	7	8 <u>Office Closed</u>	9 AA-Good Morning Group 9am
	F R Y E B U R G F A I R					
10 10am Worship Zoom Only Sanctuary Closed 	11 No Dinner Bell	12 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Capital Campaign 2pm TRUSTEES 4pm	13 Diaconate 3:30 pm	14 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	15 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	16 AA-Good Morning Group 9am
17 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship	18 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	19 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	22 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	23 AA-Good Morning Group
24 Stewardship Sunday 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship	25 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	26 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Capital Campaign 2pm TRUSTEES 4pm	27	28 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	29 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	30 AA-Good Morning Group 9am
31 Refirmation Sunday 10am Zoom & In Person Worship						