



# CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## THE GOOD NEWS

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### **“Restore , our Fortunes, O God”**

*“Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses  
in the Negeb.”  
Psalm 126:4*

**Psalm 126** rings true for us today. The Psalm calls out to the Lord of all Creation to restore the community’s past fortunes, *“like the streams in the Negeb”*. The watercourses of the Negeb are dry beds, wadis in the desert, that become overflowing with water in the rainy, Spring season, the season of new life. Negeb is a Hebrew word literally meaning *“dry”*. The Psalmist’s cry is for a people who have just gone through a *‘dry period’*, a life in exile. They have been barren of inspiration, devoid of an animating spirit, bone-dry of vital, spiritual life for such a long time!! The Psalmist prays for a time restored, a time that seems *“too good to be true”*! The Psalmist pleads to God to replenish people with blessings, of which people can now only remember as a faded dream! This is a desperate thirst for God’s abundance!

We all have known *‘dry periods’* in our lives, but for many, none has been so acute and long-lived as the Pandemic through which we have just come. We wish to feel reinvigorated, restored. As the Psalmist says, *“to have our tears become songs of joy”*. We hope to have God bless us, so we will have to pinch ourselves to realize it’s true!

Experts are looking at what the Pandemic has left behind - - depression, disillusionment, rage, long-haul suffering, mistrust, and fear. People want to taste the *‘Good Life’* once again, yet there is a lingering uncertainty. As we are calling the groups that have always worked for the health and wholeness of our community, there is a hesitation to begin again. We are experiencing a *‘lag time’*, a time when people *‘wait and see’*, seemingly unable to act with confidence.

To the author of **Psalm 126** it is clear what is needed - - a rebirth of trust, an assurance it’s safe to dream of and act upon new life. The Psalmist realizes this world does not offer this assurance - - it only comes to those who have a true and certain faith in the God of Grace.

*Waiting confidently upon our future,*

**Rev. John Hughes**

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## 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**

## September Newsletter Articles



**Due by  
August**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

### 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

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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



## TRUSTEES

Hopefully we will see more sun this month, but our lawns are green again!

Thank you to all members who attended the Special Meeting on July 18th, both Zoom and in the church. The trustees had to revise the 2021 budget due to changes with regards to Covid. Now that the church is open, building use can resume. Not all groups are returning; some found new space or are only holding online meetings. If anyone is part of a group that needs space or has an event that could use space and possibly a kitchen, please call Melody.

The Capital Campaign Committee meets regularly and the plans for the church upgrades are coming along. We hope to be able to present all to the congregation in the fall. If anyone has questions at any time, please contact a Trustee and we can go over what we have so far. This dedicated group of church members has been working hard and their efforts are very much appreciated.

The Fryeburg Fair volunteer sign up has gone out via e-mail. Please take a look at it and see if you can plan to help. It takes many to prepare the crisp and man the booth. It is the church's biggest fundraiser. If you do not get the e-mails, please call the office and Melody can review with you.

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



## TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

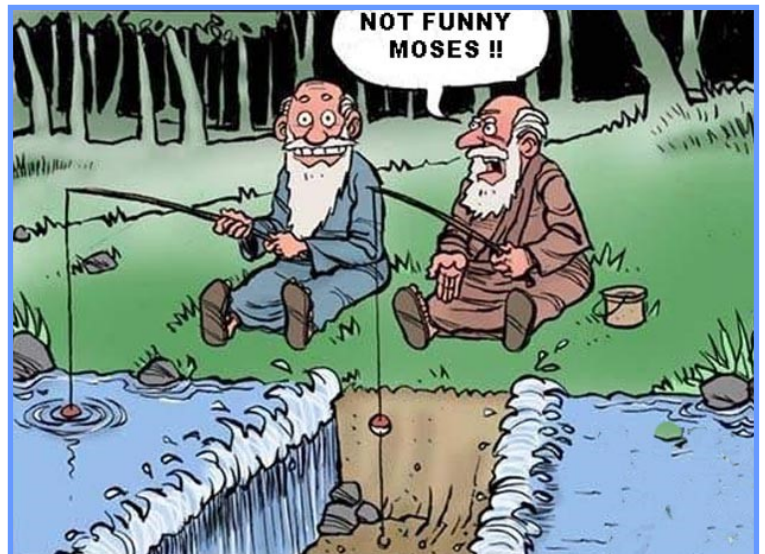
**Tuesdays**

**August 10th & 24th**

**4:30 PM**

## TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

<b>8/1</b>	<b>Nancy Irving</b>
<b>8/8</b>	<b>Nancy Divine</b>
<b>8/15</b>	<b>Tom Workman</b>
<b>8/22</b>	<b>Paul Weld</b>
<b>8/29</b>	<b>Duddie Andrews</b>





# In-Person Worship Has Resumed

JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 10AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



To all the wonderful people at the Brown Church ~ How can I thank you for all the cards, letters and words of support that you sent me over the past 6-8 months. I'm not very good at asking others for help, but you folks have been

so supportive in every way, whether it was helping with Dinner Bell or helping to keep my spirits up with encouraging words.

It has been a long haul since last November when I sought help for a deteriorating hip. Then a heart problem appeared and had to be resolved before hip surgery was

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

**August Deaconess of the Month**  
**Dawn Vitters**

**Diaconate Meeting**  
**To Be Announced**

possible. Several postponements later, I had a total hip replacement on Thursday, July 8th. When I awoke from surgery, I had less pain than over the last 6 months. So, things are certainly looking up for me. You folks have been through all of this with me with your prayers and support. Thank you so much!

I plan on being back helping at the Dinner Bell

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The Women's Bible Study weekly meetings are 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 REQUESTS

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

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

Thank you

## July Worship Service Attendance

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
7/4	56	<b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>"Just Ordinary Homebodies"</b>
7/11	64	<b>"Distressed by Promises"</b>
7/18	58	<b>"Let Us Have Some Compassion"</b>
7/25		<b>"What Entrée Will You Choose"</b>

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

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



## August Birthdays

- |      |                     |
|------|---------------------|
| 8/1  | Nancy Divine        |
| 8/4  | Nancy Bryant        |
| 8/7  | Bob Howe            |
| 8/7  | Colleen Albert      |
| 8/9  | Duddie Andrews      |
| 8/16 | Bob DiPace          |
| 8/18 | Cynthia Saxby       |
| 8/19 | Deb Knapp           |
| 8/21 | Melody Bergman      |
| 8/24 | Joyce Hahn          |
| 8/25 | Elwood McLlarky Sr. |
| 8/27 | Cheryl Cole         |



Your thoughtfulness has  
touched my heart!  
Just wanted to say

### Simple Act of Kindness (cont.)

as soon as possible. So many people have stepped up to keep things going smoothly and we're so grateful. Again, thank you for your prayers and support. I'm finally on the mend.

Much Love,

Barbara Hoyt



# 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.

Free Community Dinner



**NH Food Bank**  
**Mobile Food Pantry**

**Thursdays**  
**August 19th &**  
**September 23**  
**Hours 12 - 2 pm**

**HAM Ice Arena**  
**87 West Main St. Conway**

**Mobile Food Pantry**

*Generously sponsored by  
Bank of New Hampshire.*

## **Outreach Committee**

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

**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.

## **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**

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>Households</u></b>	<b><u>People Served</u></b>	<b><u>Meals Given</u></b>	<b><u>Over 60</u></b>	<b><u>Under 18</u></b>	<b><u>Walk Ins</u></b>	<b><u>New Households</u></b>
<b>January - July 2021</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>19,236</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>January - July 2020</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>26,796</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>26</b>

# Worship Schedule



**Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Charles Monaghan, preacher**

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
John 6:24-35

Sermon: ***“What must we do?”***

**Psalm – 78:23-29**

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – Carl Vitters, preacher**

Scripture: TBA

Sermon: ***“TBA”***

**Psalm – TBA**

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Rev. John Hughes**

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-9  
John 6:51-58

Sermon: ***“What is an Understanding Mind?”***

**Psalm 111**

**Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:63-69

Sermon: ***“Being a Place for Everyone”***

**Psalm 84**

**Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

Scripture: James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: ***“What is Your Religion Worth?”***

**Psalm 45:1-2. 4-6**

**Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Communion**

Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-33  
Mark 7:31-37

Reflection: ***“Jesus Took Him Aside”***

**Psalm 125**



**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
<b>1</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Charles Monaghan, Pulpit Supply	<b>2</b> Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	<b>3</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	<b>6</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office  Closed</u>	<b>7</b> AA-Good Morning Group 9am
<b>8</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Carl Vitters Pulpit Supply	<b>9</b> Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	<b>10</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Steering Comm. Mtg. 2 pm  TRUSTEES 4:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study   <u>Office  Closed</u>	<b>14</b> AA-Good Morning Group 9am
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<b>22</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship	<b>23</b> Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only  Newsletter Articles Due	<b>24</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am  TRUSTEES 4:30 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  Newsletter Mailed	<b>27</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office  Closed</u>	<b>28</b> AA-Good Morning Group 9am
<b>29</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship	<b>30</b> Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	<b>31</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am				