



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

September 2021



THE GOOD NEWS

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The Up's and Down's of Epidemic

Years ago, a secretary had placed a placecard on her desk because so many people were demanding immediate responses with no idea of the work schedule and the pressures with which she had to deal. The secretary's sign read, ***"Be Patient ... God hasn't finished with me yet"***. She received the desired effect - - people laughed and were less demanding - - realizing her schedule was often not under her control.

Last Monday, we were taking down signs at the Brown Church that read, ***"Facemasks Highly Recommended for those not Vaccinated"*** and replacing them with signs that say, ***"Facemasks Required"***. Facemasks were handed out to everyone who came for meals at the **Dinner Bell**. The only comments made when people were offered masks was, ***"I should have remembered to bring mine from the car - - next week I'll remember."*** Upon entering a store this week (*masked*), someone asked me, ***"What are the rules now? Does anyone know?"***

"When I received my second dose of vaccine, I thought to myself, 'I'm finally home free!' Now they want to mask up again and get a booster shot ... I'm tired of all this! When's it going to end?" was a question posed to me by several people this week. So many of us are feeling worn out, confused, frightened. It is as if we were promised a quick cure and now it seems the cure was not all what it was cracked up to be! The medical news coming to us from Israel is that $\frac{1}{2}$ their hospitalizations are fully vaccinated patients - - the virus is spreading with increased effectiveness. Meanwhile in this country, the news is reporting, ***"the epidemic is largely an epidemic of unvaccinated people"***. Is it any wonder why people are confused?!

The truth of the matter is the **Covid-19** virus is much like our influenza viruses. Each year we get a report of ***"how effective the vaccine was this year and what new variants were or were not covered"***. What is also clear is that the Covid virus is much more virulent, causing more hospitalizations, longer-lasting symptoms, more respiratory failures, and deaths than influenza. We need to take it seriously and be prepared to address it into the future.

Please know that the Brown Church leadership meets regularly to address this issue and to make the most informed decision we can with the most updated information we have. Our priority is to keep everyone healthy and safe. When decisions are made, they may seem like reversals, but they are correctives made to respond to existing data.

"Be Patient ... God is not finished with the Brown Church yet!"

Rev. John Hughes

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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!**



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Church Dinner
November 10th**

See the
October newsletter
for more information

Menu TBD



*Save
the
Date*

**Church Dinner
December 15th**

See the
November newsletter
for more information

Menu TBD



TRUSTEES



Labor Day is here. For the Brown Church, September is the time to begin orders for the fair and line up volunteers for making the apple crisp and working in the fair booth. This is the church's biggest fundraiser and we need your help. Preparing the apple crisp will begin the week of September 28th. The Fair booth dates are October 3rd through the 10th. Please contact the office and Melody can sign you up.

We have had to go back to Zoom services only for a short time. We will let all know when we will re-open on Sundays. Thanks to the Zoom team for all their hard work to make this available to all of us.

The Capital Campaign Committee recently met with the architect and Bergeron Technical Services. We are getting closer to having a set of plans to share with you all. There will be a new column in the newsletter with monthly updates.

The Trustees meet at least twice a month. Many also sit on the Capital Campaign Committee which can mean four meetings per month; sometimes two on the same day.

This past year has been challenging and we have put in a lot of hours taking care of the building and managing the budget. This is a dedicated group.

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



TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

9/5	Tom Workman
9/12	John Edgerton
9/19	Anne Getchell
9/26	Nancy Irving

TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

Tuesdays
September 7th & 24th
4:30 PM

Conway Village Congregational Church Announces our new Interim Pianist/Choir Director

Jane is a popular vocalist, harpist, keyboardist and entertainer currently residing in North Conway, NH. She has worked with several Valley Church Choirs and is happy to be included in the CVCC's exciting new transformative times.

Daughter of Rev. Richard F. Wilcox, past minister at CVCC during the 1980's and 90's, Jane has a tradition of sacred and secular music to draw upon. She received her Bachelor of Music from Boston University, and Masters of Music from Schiller College-Strasbourg, France. She has taught singing, piano and harp for over 25 years privately at St. Paul's School, and both Fryeburg and Brewster Academies. She was "Artist in Residence" at The Cotting School for Disabled Children in Concord, MA and performed throughout Boston with voice and guitar for MUSE, Music Serving the Elderly.



Her theatrical roles are numerous and she created "Mountain Streams Music" with her husband Jonathan Hively, where she offers her services for musical concerts and special occasions. She loves to share that she entertained at Buckingham Palace's Marlborough House when she studied voice in England. The time is now to get the great choir back and welcome new members which is first on her agenda!

A warm welcome to Jane!

A graphic with a purple background. It features a large, stylized treble clef and several musical notes. The text "Choir Rehearsal" is written in a white, serif font across the middle.

Starting Thursday, August 26th,
5:30 pm *(To Be Confirmed)*
Sundays arrive by 8:45am

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>



**October
Newsletter
Articles
Due by
September 22nd**

Conway Village Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Conway, NH 03818**

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www.thebrownchurch.org
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**Rev. John G. Hughes
Minister**

**Interim Pianist &
Choir Director
Jane Wilcox Hively**

**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





**Diaconate
Meeting**

**September 22nd
3:30pm**

**September
Deaconess
of the Month
Louise Saxby**

From the Deacon's Bench

It is hard to believe that we have been doing “hybrid” services for over 8 weeks. We have worked out some of the “kinks” and are still working on the rest. As we have said in the past, this is a huge work in progress and please be patient with us. Onward and upward as they say. We have been averaging almost half on Zoom and half in church. For those of you who are reading this and participate on Zoom for worship service, when Steve mutes everyone at the beginning of the service we ask you kindly that you stay muted. This is because of all the microphones in church, your comments, sneezes, and coughs are heard throughout the church. Depends on when it is, it can give us a chuckle.

As it was stated in the service on August 8th in John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Our bodies require “soul” food to survive, what better way to get that “soul” food than to attend church if you are able. It has been so nice to see smiling faces, hear the voices raised in song, and to be able to pray with one another in person. For those of you on Zoom we will continue to work to improve your ability to get that “soul” food as well. We know one of the issues is the singing in the church and that it is really hard to hear us singing. Unfortunately, we would have the same issues reversed with the mics being on, which would be you would hear every sneeze, cough, and whisper in church. This is also a work in progress. To end, please let us know your concerns at cvccwebteam@gmail.com or let one of the Deacons know and we will pass it on to the right people.

Blessings,
Dawn Vitters

DIACONATE

Judy Workman	Suzanne Rancourt
Louise Saxby	Beth Campbell
Dawn Vitters	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

We Give Thanks

For the blessings of our life,
For our freedom and our rights,
For busy days and restful nights
We give thanks.

For a stroll along the beach,
For the goals we strive to reach,
For people who aspire to teach,
We give thanks.

For the beauty of a butterfly,
For a baby's wistful sigh,
For memories of days gone by,
We give thanks.

For an eagle's plaintive call,
For all creatures big and small,
For summer, winter, spring and fall,
We give thanks.

For the greatness of our land,
For all things made by God's own hand,
For the lion and the lamb,
We give thanks.

So let's be thankful - as well we should
God made our world and deemed it good!

Mary Russo

*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



9/2 Nancy Irving
 9/6 Russell Hunter
 9/9 Anna Hill
 9/14 Margaret Marshall
 9/15 Brian Wiggin
 9/16 Ruth Proctor
 9/19 Louise Saxby
 9/21 John Edgerton
 9/21 Sheila Pickard
 9/28 Joan Sanphy
 9/23 Mary Russo

August Worship Service	
Date	Special Day/Sermon Title
8/1	<i>"What Must We Do?"</i>
8/8	<i>"Let's Get Some Soul Food!"</i>
8/15	<i>"An Understanding Mind?"</i>
8/22	<i>"To Whom Can We Turn?"</i>
8/29	<i>"What is Your Religion Worth?"</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.



Women's Bible Study

weekly meetings are Thursdays at 9:30 am. 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 info@thebrownchurch.org

Bible Study will not be meeting on Thursday, September 30th, or Thursday, October 7th. The bible study group will be helping with the Fryeburg Fair preparations.

See you at the Fair!!

THE DINNER BELL



WELCOME BACK BARBARA!

You have been missed.
 So glad you are
 doing well!



Dinner Bell will not be open on the following dates
 September 6th - Labor Day
 October 4th & 11th - Fryeburg Fair Prepping

Our Capital Campaign Journey



As many of you know, we have been in the process of developing plans to address the much-needed improvements to our church building. We have had many twists, turns and detours along our journey with this capital campaign project. However, structural and maintenance needs we can't ignore, persistence and faith have helped us stay the course. We began this journey in 2015 with many discussions and meetings to determine the mission of the church, needed building improvements and additional equipment and furnishing needs.

We have been working with a construction manager, architect and engineers to determine the work that is required and to establish priorities and timelines. They have also helped us to develop plans based on input from committees, surveys, brain storming ideas and working through many interior and exterior modifications.

We have summarized ideas and developed information that focuses on our church as a place of worship and community service. This information has given us direction in developing the structural and architectural designs for the building.

We are now at the point with a great deal of time, effort and resources invested that we have preliminary plans to present. We invite the congregation and friends to view the plans in the Fellowship Hall, ask questions and give us feedback. Plans will be posted on September 5, 2021. Final approval for this project will be required from the church members to proceed. We anticipate a November/December meeting to vote to decide to continue with the project and proceed with fundraising efforts.

We appreciate all the time, resources and dedication many members have provided to get us to this point. The campaign will continue to need the support of church members and friends as well as community residents to assure we can reach our goals.

Your Capital Campaign Steering Committee:

Anne Getchell	Nancy Divine	Carl Vitters	Duddie Andrews
John Edgerton	Louise Saxby	Judy Workman	Paul Weld
Rev. John Hughes			

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 <i>Excludes August 31st</i>	244	528	22,176	204	89	45	19
January - August 2020	332	697	29,274	238	111	54	28



Mobile Food Pantry

NH Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, September 23
Hours 12 - 2 pm

HAM Ice Arena
87 West Main St. Conway

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

Outreach Committee

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





September Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 5th – Communion

Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: "**Jesus Took Him Aside**"

Psalm 125

Sunday, September 12th – Carl Vitters, preaching

Scripture: James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "**TBA**"

Psalm 19

Sunday, September 19th

Scripture: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: "**Afraid to Ask**"

Psalm 1

Sunday, September 26th

Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: "**Hoisted Up**"

Psalm 124



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



September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	29:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Choir Practice	3 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	4 AA-Good Morning Group 9am
5 8:45am Choir Practice In Person 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship	6  No Dinner Bell <u>Office Closed</u>	7 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am 2pm Steering Comm. TRUSTEES 4:30 pm	8	9 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Choir Practice	10 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	11 AA-Good Morning Group 9am
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Fryeburg Fair Preparations ~ Fellowship Hall
Begin Monday September 27th!