

CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

December 2021



THE GOOD NEWS

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When Can We Sing?

“*When can we sing?*” ... “*When will it be safe?*”, are questions people ask me constantly. The new guidelines are that we can have live music played or a choir sing if they are **12 feet** away from the congregation and **3 to 6 feet** away from each other. Confusing, isn't it? Covid-19 protocols ask us to be flexible in planning for **Christmas Eve**.

We are planning to hold Christmas Eve Worship Services, for those who wish to gather, and those who wish to view virtually on Zoom at **5 p.m.** and **6:30 p.m.** We will be asking people to register for **Christmas Eve Service** in advance, leaving their contact information (*name, phone #, and email*) at the door when they attend, and get a squirt of Purell® before entering the sanctuary, and wearing masks for the duration of the service, which will last about **30 minutes**. We can only host about **50** people live at each service on Christmas Eve, so early registration is requested, so we can determine who will be attending each service on **Friday, December 24th**.

Registration will need to be made by December 17th, online www.thebrownchurch.org or by phone at the church office **(603) 447-3851**. We look forward to celebrating this Joyous Season with you.

The service(s) for Christmas Eve will be the traditional service of “*Lessons and Carols*”, with a brief Christmas reflection. People may feel free to sing the familiar carols (*from behind their masks*), candles will be offered at the service - - they will, of course, be battery-operated, as a live flame with cloth-masks is not a good idea!



We ask, that in the Spirit of Christmas, everyone be understanding (*and compliant!*) so a gift of Christ-like Spirit may be enjoyed by everyone. If you feel unwell, or have hesitation about gathering live, we look forward to you worshipping with us online.

**Blessings in the name of the Babe-in-a-Manger,
And looking forward to Christmas Eve,**

Rev. John Hughes



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The Conway Village Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Reverend John G Hughes, II

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

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

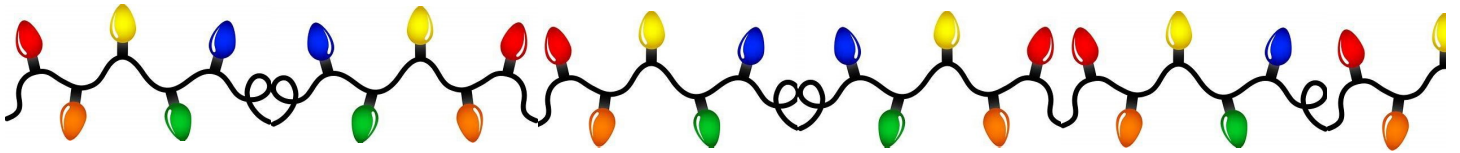
The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Conway Village Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at approximately 11:00 am in the Sanctuary of the Conway Village Congregational Church after worship. The meeting will held in person and via Zoom platform. Voting will be done via roll call method. Please email cvccwebteam@gmail.com or call the office for the phone in information.

The purpose of this Annual Meeting will be:

1. To hear reports of the officers, board and standing committees for the preceding year.
2. To approve a Budget for 2022.
3. To elect officers, board and standing committee members for 2022.
4. To conduct any other business that may come to the floor of the meeting.

Dated at: Conway, New Hampshire, on the 22nd of November 2021

Dawn Vitters, Clerk



Conway Village "The Brown" Church Traditional Turkey Dinner To-Go



Turkey Dinner \$15.00

Pick up Wed. December 15th 4:30 to 6 PM
Available by Pre-Order Only By December 11th
Order Dinner online on our website
www.thebrownchurch.org then the "Shop" page
or call the church 603.447.3851

Order deadline is Saturday December 11th

Apple Crisp \$20/pan (Very Limited Crisp Availability)

All orders should be picked up at the church Wednesday December 15th between 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Conway Village Church 132 Main Street Conway NH 03818

Proceeds benefit The Brown Church's work to support the health and wellbeing of the Mount Washington Valley area.



OUTREACH - FOOD PANTRY

For the **Month of December** buy this bag
and the CVCC Food Pantry receives a \$1 donation!

Each time a \$2.50 reusable FIGHT HUNGER BAG is purchased at the North Conway Hannaford store \$1 will be donated to the CVCC Food Pantry. Spread the news to friends and family. The more people who learn about the program and purchase the Fight Hunger Bag during the month of DECEMBER, the more money will be raised. To learn more about this program, please visit <https://hannaford.bags4mycause.com/>



BUY THE FIGHT HUNGER BAG
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TO US.




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TRUSTEES

Volunteers are so important to the church. You will see them weekly, helping out in the Food Pantry, the Dinner Bell and most recently the November Take Out dinner. There are behind the scenes volunteers who run the weekly Sunday services in house and online.

There are opportunities to help out if you are interested. The next event is the take out Turkey Dinner. These dinners have been very successful and are needed to help support the church budget. An online volunteer sign up will be coming out in early December or you can call the office. Thanks in advance to all.

The Trustees continue to work with the architect and Bergeron Technical Services. We are working on renovation details room by room which will help us refine cost estimates.

We are finalizing the 2022 operating budget. Your pledges for the upcoming year help us with that process. If you have not made your pledge for 2022, please do so soon. If you need a pledge card, you can contact the church office.

The Annex (old jewelry store) will be demolished, likely before the end of the year. After many discussions with Shawn Bergeron, it was determined that the building is a hazard and the cost to renovate the building for use would be cost prohibitive. The removal of the building will also improve access to parking out back.

Thank you to all the Trustees and those on the Capital Campaign for volunteering their time week after week.

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

12/5	Tom Workman
12/12	Paul Weld
12/19	Duddie Andrews
12/26	John Edgerton

John Edgerton
Anne Getchell
Paul Weld

Duddie Andrews
Nancy Irving
Carl Vitters, ex officio member

Tom Workman
Nancy Divine

TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS

Tuesdays, 4:00 pm
December 14th





CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 5:00 & 6:30 PM

- ♦ *Reservation Required—By phone 603-447-3851*
- ♦ *Or online at www.thebrownchurch.org*
- ♦ *Reservations close on December 17th*
- ♦ *Masks are required when attending services*
- ♦ *Services will also be provided via Zoom*

*See Saturday's Conway Daily Sun for Zoom Information
Or send a request to cvccwebteam@gmail.com*

The Brown Church of Conway Village is grateful for:

- ♦ The 40 volunteers who peeled, cut, + baked Apple Crisp
- ♦ The twenty, 5-hour shifts, offered at our Apple Crisp Booth
- ♦ The 964 total hours of support received
- ♦ The faithful, return-customers who generate our sales
- ♦ The comradery and support of the other vendors
- ♦ The support of the Fryeburg Fair staff



We thank everyone for their generosity and helping us support our programs for the health and welfare of the Mount Washington Valley.

*Thank
you!*



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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**Moderator
Carl Vitters**

**Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper
Melody Bergman**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**News-
letter**

**January
Newsletter Articles
Due by
December 20th**

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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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



JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 10AM
BOTH IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

www.thebrowchurch.org

From the Deacon's Bench

December brings such short days along with increased frustration I have each year with the commercialization of the holidays. This year the fear of shortages & delivery issues has been added to the mix, increasing stress.

Then about a week ago I was driving home in complete darkness at 4:30pm "O little town of Bethlehem" started playing on the radio. As I began singing along, I felt my mood shift, as I was overcome with the feeling of joy. It was then that I realized that "early" music and decorations could bring a welcome and much needed light.



As we face another holiday under the cloud of the pandemic may this season wake up the child in all of us. Let us celebrate the birth of Christ with the wonder, joy and hope that this ultimate gift from God represents.

Beth Campbell

DIACONATE

Judy Workman

Suzanne Rancourt

Louise Saxby

Beth Campbell

Dawn Vitters

Mitzi Fitch


**December
Deaconess
of the Month
Beth Campbell**

**Diaconate
Meeting
December 14th
3:30 pm**



November Worship Service

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
11/7	53	Communion Sunday "Believing in Generosity"
11/14	47	"What Endures?"
11/21	48	Thanksgiving Sunday / Rein of Christ "Don't Worry, Be Happy . . . are you Kidding?"
11/28		"Great Changes are Coming"
Attendance # includes both In Person & Zoom		



December Birthdays

BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

12/8	Bernie Plimpton
12/16	Wayne Fitch
12/30	Prudy Shackford

Chamber Honors Award Recipient

Barbara Hoyt, our long-time Dinner Bell Head Chef & Co-Ordinator, was honored as this year's "White Mountain Treasure" and received an award from Memorial Hospital President Art Mathisen.

Barbara has been a "major but unseen force behind the Dinner Bell, operating out of the Conway Congregational ("Brown Church") for more than 35 years." The very first "Dinner Bell" was on Monday, January 15, 1991. Almost 31 years of serving our community!

"I accept this on behalf of all of our volunteers.....I am so thankful to be able to keep this going," said Barbara.

Congratulations to all the volunteers that make the Dinner Bell possible!



Courtesy Paula Jones, Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce

WINTER HOURS Mondays 4 - 5 pm

Dinner Bell

Fresh

Homestyle Meal

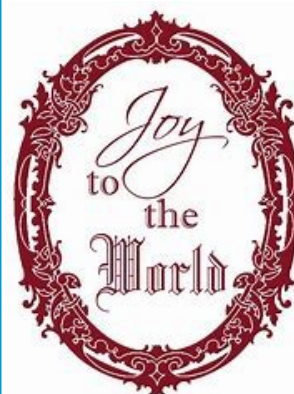
Everyone Is Welcome!!

Mondays 4—5 pm

Call office on Mondays for menu!

447-3851

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



When Earth's Last Picture Is Painted

Rudyard Kipling, 1892



When Earth's last picture is painted
and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded,
and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it –
lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen
shall put us to work anew.
And those that were good shall be happy;
they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas**
with brushes of comets' hair.
They shall find real saints to draw from –
Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting
and never be tired at all!
And only The Master shall praise us,
and only The Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money,
and no one shall work for fame,
But each for the joy of the working,
and each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the Thing as he sees It
for the God of Things as They are!

****note:** *a league = 3 mi. and 10-leagues = 30 miles,
30 miles being how far a man hikes in a 10-hr. day*

Veteran John Edgerton and Karl Chandler perform the flag-folding ceremony at the Veterans Day gathering in North Conway's SchoulerPark after a parade from John H. Fuller Elementary School to the park on Thursday, November 11th.



Courtesy Conway Daily
Sun & photographer
Rachael Sharples

PRAYER Request

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

Ladies Bible Study

connect · discover · grow



JOIN US

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

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.



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

OUTREACH ~ FOOD PANTRY

November was a very busy month in the Food Pantry. Along with our regular pick-ups, Shaw's, Walmart on Mondays, Food Bank on the 1st Thursday of the month and USDA on the 2nd Thursday of the month. As well as Food Pantry every Tuesday.

It started on the 13th picking up Turkeys and side dishes for the Pantry and Dinner Bell. The van came back to the Church very full. Then the outside of the pantry got ready for winter, plastic and boards were installed to protect snow from building up on the ramp.

On the 16th and 17th we gave out Thanksgiving Baskets, without the Turkey. It was decided to give the clients a voucher worth \$15.00 toward a turkey. The pantry did give out the side dishes along with potatoes, onions, fresh carrots and rolls. The 18th we received a USDA shipment, this is a change due to Veteran's Day is on the 2nd Thursday.

On the 19th the **Conway Elementary students** paraded across the lawn, up the ramp and into the Pantry to drop off **1,136 lbs. of food** that they collected. It's always a fun time to see the excitement on their faces along with them being so proud that they had collected that much food.



On the 23rd the Realtor's dropped off 10 all ready made up baskets for any last minute clients that need a turkey basket. After that, all took a BIG sigh and enjoyed a Blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

On the November 30th, we will have our Outreach Meeting at 3:30 in person at the church.

Thanks goes to Shaw's, Walmart and Sherman's Farm Stand.

We were also the recipients of \$1,000 from NH Feeding NH, which we spent at Sherman's Farm Stand over the summer and into fall. We had a lot of fresh items along with milk and meats.

The Food Pantry takes this time to be Blessed with an awesome bunch of volunteers with all of them the Food Pantry would not run like a well-oiled machine. Thank you and God Bless you all.

We are always looking for help in the Pantry on Tuesdays as well as the deliveries we get. Just let either Sylvia or Paul Weld know.

We want to extend to all a very Blessed Thanksgiving and Joyous Christmas Season. Take time with your families to enjoy the season.



Anne Getchell
Sylvia Weld

Dawn Vitters
Charles Monaghan

Laura Sorensen

Charlyne Gray

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 - June 2021	193	421	17,682	163	74	38	13
<i>January - June 2020</i>	265	575	24,150	183	100	43	25
July - November 2021 (Excludes Nov 30th)	160	337	14,154	134	65	29	12
<i>January - November 2020</i>	187	399	16,758	149		24	24



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
 Pasta Sauce - (can) 15 oz.
 Pasta Sauce - (jar) 32
 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

Cougars have a monster food drive



First-grader Ryan, in Gina Miller's class at Conway Elementary School, poses after students in delivering more than 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food items over to the Brown Church for the school's local "Food Month" last Friday. See story, news photo, pages B-4. (RACHEL SHAMPLER PHOTO)



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**



ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Behold, Prepare, Sustain, Reflect, Proclaim

Sunday, November 28th – Advent Sunday

Psalm 25:1-10, Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "Great Changes are Coming"

December 5th, – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Luke 3:1-6

Communion

Sermon: "Prepare the Way to the Future"

December 12th – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Sermon: "Sustain the Work"

December 19th – 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46-55, Luke 1:39-45

Sermon: The Annunciation of God's Presence"

Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Services 5:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Celebrate Christ's Birth with a Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 26th –

Psalm 8, Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Revelation 21:1-6a, Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: TBA Carl Vitters Guest Preacher

Christmas Eve Services Zoom Service Access

5:00 PM Service

[Click Here Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Service Link](#)

Call In (audio only) Phone Number: 1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 812 2163 9570

Passcode: 527160

6:30 PM Service

[Click Here Christmas Eve 6:30 PM Service Link](#)

Call In (audio only) Phone Number: 1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 872 8952 5112

Passcode: 269707



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm	3 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	4 AA-Good Morning Group 9am
5 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Advent	6 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	7 Food Pantry 9-11:30am TRUSTEES 4pm	8	9 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm	10 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	11 AA- Good Morning Group 9am Last Day To Order 
12 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service 3rd Sunday of Advent	13 Dinner Bell 4-5pm Take Out Only	14 Food Pantry 9-11:30am Diaconate Zoom 3:30 pm	15 Turkey Dinner Pick Up 4:30-6pm 	16 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm	17 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	18 AA-Good Morning Group 9am
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26 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	27 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	28 Food Pantry 9-11:30am	29	30 AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm <u>Office Closed</u>	31 <u>Office Closed</u>	HAPPY NEW YEAR