



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

January 2022



THE GOOD NEWS

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A New Opportunity for our Mission



“... because you are precious
in my sight, and honored,
and I love you”
Isaiah 43:4

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that God would call everyone, “*from the east ... and from the west ... from the north ... from the south*”, to receive a blessing. The reason Isaiah gives for the blessing is “*you are precious in God’s sight, and honored, and God loves you.*”

Our church Trustees have spent more than a year reviewing options for the property south of the church (commonly called the “*jewelry building property*”) after receiving a generous donation from an anonymous donor. They have met twice a week for a year reviewing Engineering Reports, Site Evaluations, Architectural Requirements, Building Codes, Safety Protocols. The removal of the building opens new opportunities for the church and the community we serve. The property will now be used to increase the width of the driveway to reach a safe standard under engineering requirements.

This will allow people with mobility challenges to access new ADA entrances at the rear of the church building. **This action is critical because of new Accessibility Standards issued under the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*.** These standards are mandatory for “*any place of public accommodation, in new construction, alterations, and additions.*” The ADA Standards are based on minimum guidelines set by the Access Board, which our Church actively looks to meet so those who need our services will have safe access without physical barriers. We need to plan for wheelchairs (*both manual + electric*), mobility scooters, walkers, canes and crutches. We presently have several guests/clients/worshippers who require this access.

The Brown Church is called to meet its mission, “**the health and welfare of the Mount Washington Valley**”, by making sure everyone has access to our food and self-help services. As the scripture says, we wish to call everyone, from whatever direction they come, and we wish them to know they are “*precious, honored, and loved*”. Our new crosswalks, wheelchair unloading area, and the handicapped-dedicated parking areas in front of our Church is a beginning. Our future ADA access and parking from the rear of our building helps us complete that mission.

*Yours in Christ,
Rev. John Hughes*



The Conway Village Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Reverend John G Hughes, II

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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:

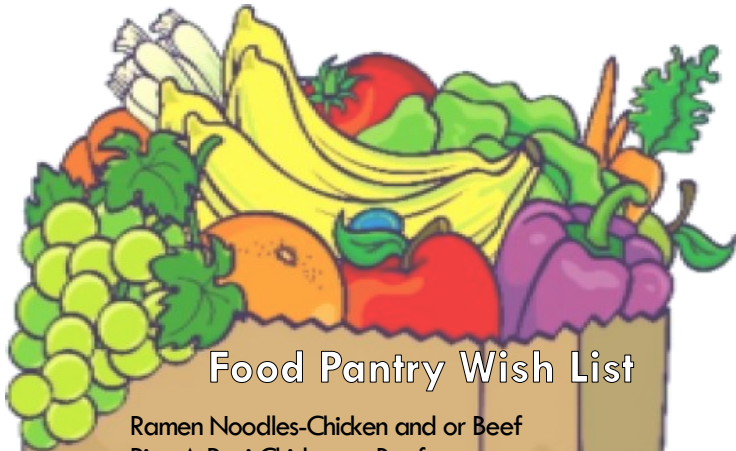
1. To hear reports of the officers, board and standing committees for the preceding year.
2. To approve a Budget for 2022.
3. To elect officers, board and standing committee members for 2022.
4. To conduct any other business that may come to the floor of the meeting.

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

Dawn Vitters, Clerk

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 - December 2021	396	853	35,826	337	153	75	29
<i>January - December 2020</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>1,085</i>	<i>45,570</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>January - December 2019</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1,075</i>	<i>45,150</i>	<i>341</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>40</i>



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-green container
 Hand Soap - Dial 2 or 3 pk bars

Most of these items can be purchased at Dollar Tree and or Shaws. Thank you for your donations!



Conway Village
 Congregational Church
By Appointment Only
 Tuesdays, 9-11:30 am
 Serving East Conway, Center
 Conway, Conway, Eaton, Albany
 and Chatham



Every
 Donation
 Makes A
 Difference

Thanks for sharing.

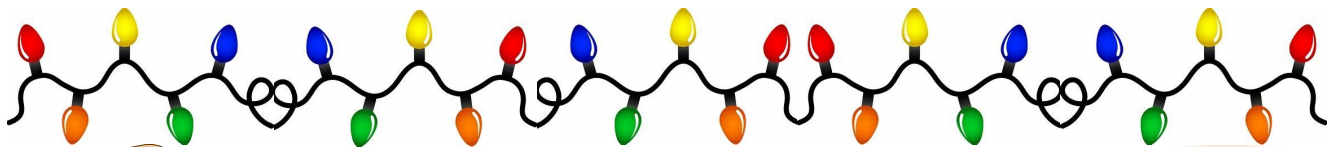
OUTREACH ~ FOOD PANTRY

Due to the wonderful generosity of the Conway PD, it was estimated that 1,200 to 1,500 lbs. of food was dropped off on Saturday, December 4th after a very successful Food Drive they held at Hannaford.



Outreach Committee

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



Sylvia and I would like to give a huge thank you to all who helped with the Turkey Dinner on December 15th. We sold 97 dinners! Thanks again, Paul Weld, Dinner Co-Chair & Trustee.



Conway Village Congregational Church ~ Food Pantry

Would like to thank Crest Auto World, of North Conway, for the purchase of the van. Thank you also to the Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG).



(from left front) Nancy Divine, Trustee; Sylvia Weld, Outreach; Charlyne Gray, Outreach; (back row) Dawn Vitters, Outreach; Duddie Andrews, Trustee & Paul Weld, Trustee.

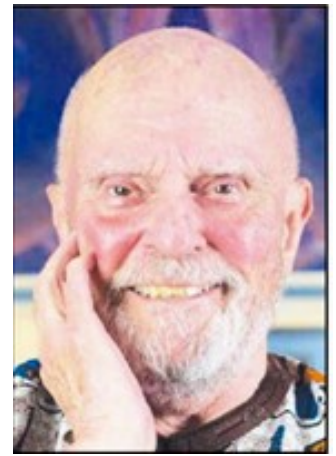


CVCC Men's Bible Study Mourns Losing Member

Mills Fox Edgerton Jr. of New Haven, CN, passed away peacefully on Dec. 6, 2021. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut on June 11, 1931, to the late Mills Fox and Miriam (Reynolds) Edgerton.

He earned his master's degree and doctorate at Princeton University; his undergraduate work was completed at the University of Connecticut and included studies at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Mills then embarked on a career in higher education, teaching at Princeton University and Rutgers University before accepting a tenure track position at Bucknell University in 1960. He served as a professor of Spanish as well as chairman of the university's department of modern languages, literature and linguistics. He proudly served as director of the Bucknell University Press from 1976 to his retirement in 1997.



In addition to his work at Bucknell, Mills held several positions associated with Middlebury College, including director of the Middlebury College Spanish program in Madrid, Spain from 1971 to 1972 and the Middlebury College Intensive Language Program in 1973. He served as the interim director of the Madrid Center of the Institute of European Studies from 1993 to 1994.

After retiring from academia, Mills established himself as a renowned poet and author in Europe, publishing over 40 books in Spain and France. In recent years, he spent about half of his time in Spain.

He looked forward to each trip and was very happy to be there one last time in the fall of 2021.

Mills received numerous awards and recognition throughout his life of teaching and writing, including the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation grantee in 1961, the Lindback award for distinguished teaching in 1971, first prize Prix Vitrail Francophone from the Society of Poets and Artists of France in 1997, the 2019 Stefan Zweig prize for biography from publisher Sial Pigmalion and a lifetime achievement award in 2021 from the editorial board of Sial Pigmalion.

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Please volunteer!

**Annual
Report**

Do you have some time you could spare to help Melody prepare the mailing of the Annual Report? Please call the office if you can help on January 20th!

Thank you,
Melody Bergman

CABINET MEMBERS

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10th**

THANK YOU!

**SUBMIT YOUR
REPORTS**

**DUE by
January 10th**



*Just a friendly
reminder ...*



He was predeceased by his wife, Marianne Simonson Edgerton and his son, Nicholas Mills Edgerton.

He is survived by his son Michael Andrew (Lisa) Edgerton of Guilford, Connecticut; his brothers, John David Edgerton of North Conway, New Hampshire; and James Merwyn Edgerton of Elizabethtown, Kentucky; daughter-in-law Elizabeth Edgerton of Kalamazoo, Michigan; grandchildren, Peter (Anshumita) Edgerton of Carolina, Puerto Rico; Christopher (Heena) Edgerton of Branford, Connecticut; Samuel Edgerton of Brooklyn, New York; William Edgerton of Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Lily Edgerton of New York, New Hampshire. He is also survived by his great-grandson Liam and numerous nieces and nephews.

(Courtesy Conway Daily Sun)

THE WONDER OF A SNOWSTORM

There's something about a snowstorm
It's quietness takes hold.
A serenity engulfs our being
And fills our empty soul.

The flakes -they gleam like diamonds
That glisten in the sun.
The earth is clothed in rhinestones
And everything is one.

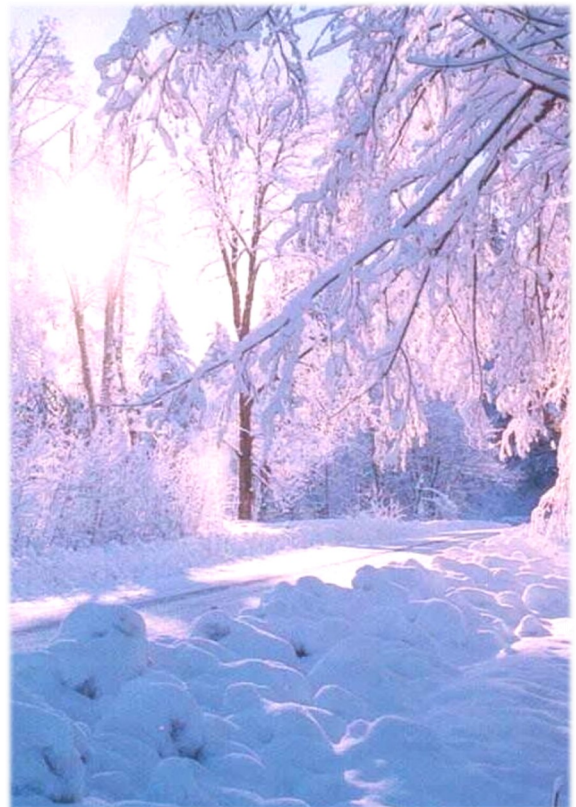
The trees are laden - boughs hang low
Yet they seem to stand on guard.
For us, mere mortals, this we know
Nature paints her Christmas card.

And now our world is dressed in white
Like a bride in full adorn.
We embrace in awe the wonderous sight
Of a pristine landscape born.

The snowstorm passes overnight,
The moon has conquered all.
Like a startled bird it took it's flight
No apology--no fault!

Get out the shovels and the plow
No time to wonder - it's cleanup now!

Mary Russo, Author



TRUSTEES

Happy New Year to all. Hope all are healthy as we enter 2022.

The pandemic continues to challenge us. We had to end the year with online services only, including Christmas Eve. We thank you for your patience and continued support as we work through this. It is not an easy decision for the Trustees and Diaconate to make week to week, but we do take everyone's safety into account. We are lucky to have a web team and pastor who are able to provide a service to us all whether in the building or at home.

We start the year with the church having a bit more exposure on route 16. The jewelry store building came down in December. We purchased it in 2019 with funds provided by an anonymous donor. At the time, we wanted to be sure we could preserve access to the back of the church since that property owns most of the driveway. We had different ideas of how to use it, but after an inspection by Bergeron Technical Services, it was decided it needed to come down. It would have been very costly to bring it up to code. This money will be better spent on the church building to improve things like the structure, parking, the sanctuary, ADA access and HVAC systems.

We will be meeting with the consultants this month to continue work on the Capital Campaign. We will be looking to refine the current plans and costs. Anyone who wishes more information or wants to look at plans for the building and the parking please let Melody know.

Thanks to the Welds and all the volunteers for the successful turkey dinner take out. We sold close to 100 dinners. Volunteers are what allow these events to happen. It also allows for friends to get together safely and it is always great to hear laughter in the church! The next take out dinner will be on February 16th.

February 16th
Save the date!
Dinner!



Save The Date

The **Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, January 30th,
In person and by zoom after the service. Please plan to attend.

TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm
January 4th & 18th

John Edgerton
Anne Getchell
Paul Weld

Duddie Andrews
Nancy Irving

Tom Workman
Nancy Divine
Carl Vitters, ex officio member (CVCC Treasurer)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

1/2	Anne Getchell
1/9	Nancy Irving
1/16	Nancy Divine
1/23	Tom Workman
1/30	Paul Weld

CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Annual Meeting

Please Join us in Person or Zoom
(same zoom meeting ID as worship service)

Following the January 30'th Worship Service

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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**Rev. John G. Hughes
Minister**

**Carl Vitters
Moderator**

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



February Newsletter Articles

Newsletter

Due by January 23rd

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

Happy New Year to all who read this!

The start of each new year is a time to reflect on the year just past, and make plans for this new year. It holds a special magic with a promise of new possibilities and opportunities to change our lives for the better. So I will welcome in the New Year by prayers and requests for my family, you my church family, and my friends. And given how challenging 2021 has been for us all with Covid-19, it feels especially important to express our hopes and dreams for better days in 2022. A verse I found in the bible Jeremiah 29:11 reminded me the Lord's words of his plans for us:

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

So I may set the course of my plans, but God will determine my steps. Then I also read Phillipians 4:6-7 that says:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Here's a prayer I found for New Years Eve that I will use this year.

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear; our health, our families and friends. Also our Country! Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving and joyful ways (our Saviour's way). Amen

God Bless you all!

Your Diaconate

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

**January
Deaconess
of the Month
Mitzi Fitch**

December Worship Service

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
12/5	51	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> "What Do You Want for Christmas?"
12/12	42	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> "Time for Joy?"
12/19	52	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> "Can We Have A Faith Like Mary?"
12/24	66	<i>Christmas Eve Service</i> "God Speaks In Light"
12/26	39	<i>Guest Preacher, Carl Vitters</i> "What Are You Wearing This Christmas Season?"

Attendance # includes both In Person & Zoom (some services zoom only)

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

Prayer Requests

The skies proclaim the
work of his hands.

Psalms 19:1b NIV

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

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.





- 1/5 Elwood McLlarky Jr.
- 1/7 Laura Kenny
- 1/10 Alice Vierus
- 1/11 Bobby Graustein
- 1/16 Dwight Smith
- 1/18 Nancy Keyes
- 1/19 Beverly Taylor
- 1/21 Sylvia Weld
- 1/22 Sharrene Bernhardt
- 1/27 Rev. John Hughes
- 1/28 Jill Reynolds
- 1/29 Bethanny Graustein



women's winter
Bible Studies

JOIN US

Weekly meetings are Thursdays
9:30 am
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

January 2022 Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 2, 2022 – *Communion*

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1: (1-9), 10-18
Sermon: “*What’s the Big Idea?*”

Psalm 147:12-20

Sunday, January 9, 2022 – *Baptism of Jesus*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Sermon: “*I am Well Pleased*”

Psalm 29

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11
Sermon: “*Understanding the Flow of Things*”

Psalm 36:5-10

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21
Sermon: “*Why do You Persecute Me?*”

Psalm 19

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30
Sermon: “*What Just Happened to Me?*”

Psalm 71:1-6



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





January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 AA-Good Morning Group 9am
2 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	3 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	4 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Trustees 4:30	5	6 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm	7 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	8 AA- Good Morning Group 9am
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