



# CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

February 2022



## THE GOOD NEWS

Volume 11,

### I am Only ...

*"Truly I do not know how ...  
I am only a boy."  
Jeremiah 1:6*

Muhammad Ali, when a young man asked for advice, said, ***"If they can make penicillin out of moldy bread, they sure can make something out of you."***

When Jeremiah is asked by God to respond to his call, Jeremiah says, ***"I am only a boy!"*** Have you ever felt ***"I am only ..."***? It is natural to feel someone else could do it better, someone else should be chosen, particularly when we are faced with a challenge that seems overwhelming. Yet God relies on the ordinary to get things right. As we examine the Christian Bible:

Moses wondering why God would want a man who stutters to speak for people

Gideon wonders why God would want him to prepare for battle with less than 10% of the men who want to fight

David's father wonders why God would inspire Samuel, the prophet, to choose his ordinary shepherd boy instead of his more virile sons

Solomon wonders why God chooses him when he's so young and inexperienced to rule over a nation

The widow of Zarephath wonders why she is chosen to provide a smidgeon of flour and oil for God's prophet to succeed

Disciples wonder why God chooses to feed 5,000 on a single ration of 5-loaves and only 2-fishes

God appears to ordinary people in ordinary circumstances and through them reveals how extraordinary life can be! Even Jesus, returning to his hometown of Nazareth, has his authority doubted, his words dismissed in anger, as people see him ***"as only"*** the son of a local family, ***"as only"*** a member of a trade, and ***"as only"*** Jesus. The crowd turns violently against him, plans to attack him, yet unharmed and unfazed, Jesus walks through the commotion, continuing his ministry and call to the Galileans.

This week, our membership has been mailed a questionnaire for their opinions of how our church is being called by God to meet our future mission in the Mount Washington Valley. It is easy to feel, ***"Surely they do not want my opinion! I am only..."*** But our church needs your input; our Valley needs your response. Our facilities are worn and in need of repair. Yet, ***"If they can make penicillin out of moldy bread ... perhaps God is calling us to greatness!"***

***Please respond to the church's questionnaire  
Please help us determine  
What God is calling us to be!***

*Rev. John Hughes*

*February 2022*

# **Chicken Parmesan Dinner To Go February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**\$15**

**Prepaid orders only**



Order Online at [thebrownchurch.org](http://thebrownchurch.org)  
or by calling 447-3851

Order deadline Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

Pick up at the church 132 Main St. Conway NH

Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:00 PM



**CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
*The Brown Church*  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## ***Save The Date!***

**Church Dinner**

**March 16th**

**Irish Stew**

**Pre-Orders Only**



# Food Pantry Statistics

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>People Served</b>	<b>Meals Given</b>	<b>Over 60</b>	<b>Under 18</b>	<b>Walk Ins</b>	<b>New Households</b>
January 2022	29	65	2,730	34	10	5	2
<i>January 2021</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>2,688</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</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.  
 Down - 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 & Shaws.

Thank you for your donations!



**Feeding the Community**

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.



Every  
 Donation  
 Makes A  
 Difference

*Thanks for sharing.*

## OUTREACH ~ FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry is looking for help on Mondays from 9am to 12pm. It would involve rotating stock in the small warehouse and moving it to the inner pantry. Also helping to stock shelves in the pantry to get ready for Tuesday's distribution to pantry clients.

Please see Paul Weld if you are interested in helping.  
Thank you, The Outreach Committee

### Outreach Committee

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



*become a love volunteer*

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

**WELCOME TO OUR  
WORSHIP**

[www.thebrowchurch.org](http://www.thebrowchurch.org)

## Trustees

By the time this newsletter goes to print, the Brown Church will have had its annual meeting and members will have received the annual report. Thank you to all who either attended in church or on zoom. If at anytime you have a question about the report or the meeting, please contact a trustee.

The end of the year financials were better than what had been budgeted due to a very successful Fryeburg Fair. We have put together the 2022 budget using conservative numbers for the fair. We do rely on your pledges for planning. If you have not pledged for 2022, you can still do so.

On January 19th, Chairs and Board Members met to discuss goals for 2022. Thank you to the 15 attendees for taking the time to join us and share your comments. The discussion focused on communications in the church and with the community and church governance. The meeting was very productive. There were a number of ideas that we will be following up on.

One topic shared by all was, the need to get people back in the building. If you have not been to a Sunday service in the sanctuary in a while, please come, we do miss all of you. Masks are worn and there is plenty of room to spread out. We would also ask for your thoughts about the service.



In early February, the boards meet to vote on officers and work on goals for the upcoming year. There are openings in some of the boards so we invite you to consider serving your church.

John Edgerton  
Anne Getchell  
Paul Weld

Duddie Andrews  
Nancy Irving  
Carl Vitters, ex officio member (CVCC Treasurer)

Tom Workman  
Nancy Divine

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK	
2/6	Paul Weld
2/13	Duddie Andrews
2/20	John Edgerton
2/27	Anne Getchell

**TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS**  
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm  
February 8th & 22nd

## 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."*

## Conway Village Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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**Rev. John G. Hughes  
Minister**

**Carl Vitters  
Moderator**

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

Please visit our website at

**thebrownchurch.org**

<http://thebrownchurch.org>



## March Newsletter Articles



**Due by February 20<sup>th</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

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/TheBrownChurchConwayNH/>

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

A month of faith and love. February is shorter than typical in the number of days, but bigger in faith and love! 4 weeks from start to finish and then comes March, marching in spring and warmth and longer days.....ahhhhh, won't THAT be nice?

Let's stick with February for now though. Short cold days are upon us. What is one to do? Start your days with a prayer, end them with a prayer. Sounds simple, yes? It takes practice and patience for sure.



Did you know that "February" comes from the Latin work february, which means "to cleanse". The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a month long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year. It also boasts popular holidays like Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and events like the Super Bowl and the Winter Olympics this year. If you

google what happens in February this year, you will see that February 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Tater Tot Day and February 25<sup>th</sup> is National Pancake Day. Every day, something to celebrate and recognize.

It also means there is always prayer-filled opportunities to atone and cleanse! Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". Such wonderful verses you can find when you look for them!

Be safe and stay strong!

## DIACONATE

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

**February  
Deaconess  
of the Month  
Louise Saxby**

### Next Diaconate Meeting

**Wednesday, February 9th, 2022**



## January Worship Service

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
1/2	~	"What's the Big Idea?"
1/9	~	"I Am Well Pleased"
1/16	49	"Understanding the Flow"
1/23	45	"Fulfilling the Scriptures"
1/30	~	"What God Refuses to Do"

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](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org)  
 Please provide mailing address.

Thank you



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

**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**

Free Community Dinner



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



# Happy Birthday

- 2/1 Paul Getchell
- 2/4 Marilyn Hughes
- 2/10 Dan Lavigne
- 2/13 Dale Hamilton
- 2/23 Susan Proctor



## women's winter Bible Studies

### JOIN US

Weekly meetings are  
Thursdays 9:30 am  
Church 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](mailto: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 [cvcwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvcwebteam@gmail.com).



# February 2022 Worship Schedule



## Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – *Epiphany 5*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: “*Precious, Honored, and Loved*”

*Psalm 29*

## Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – *Epiphany 6*

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon: “*Who’d Want to Be Blessed?*”

*Psalm 1*

## Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> - *Epiphany 7* *39-40*

Scripture: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: “*What’s Your First Question?*”

*Psalm 37:1-11,*

## Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – *Transfiguration Sunday*

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: “*Listen Up! God’s Speaking.*”

*Psalm 99*



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)



# February 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <b>Food Pantry</b> 9-11:30 am	2  9:30 am <b>Women's Bible Study</b>  <b>AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm</b>	3 9:30 am <b>Women's Bible Study</b>  <b>AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm</b>	4 9 am Men's <b>Bible Study</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	5 <b>AA-Good Morning Group</b> 9am
6 10 am Zoom & In Person <b>Worship Service</b>	7 <b>Dinner Bell</b> 4-5 pm Take Out Only	8 <b>Food Pantry</b> 9-11:30 am  <b>Trustees 4:30</b>	9 <b>Diaconate Meeting</b>  Be sure to get your <b>CHICKEN DINNER</b> <b>Order Yours Today!</b>	10 9:30 am <b>Women's Bible Study</b>  <b>AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm</b>	11 9 am Men's <b>Bible Study</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	12 <b>AA- Good Morning Group</b> 9am
13 10 am Zoom & In Person <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>CHICKEN DINNER ORDER DEADLINE</b>	14 <b>Dinner Bell</b> 4-5pm Take Out Only  	15 <b>Food Pantry</b> 9-11:30 am	16  <b>Chicken Parm Dinner Pick Up</b> 4:30-6pm	17 9:30 am <b>Women's Bible Study</b>  <b>AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm</b>	18 9 am Men's <b>Bible Study</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	19 <b>AA-Good Morning Group</b> 9am
20 10 am Zoom & In Person <b>Worship Service</b>	21 <b>No Dinner Bell</b> <b>Presidents Day</b> 	22 <b>Food Pantry</b> 9-11:30 am  <b>Trustees 4:30</b>  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> By midnight	23	24 9:30 am <b>Women's Bible Study</b>  <b>Newsletter Mailed</b>  <b>AA Big Book Step Group 7pm</b>	25 9 am Men's <b>Bible Study</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	26 <b>AA-Good Morning Group</b> 9am
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