



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

March 2022

THE GOOD NEWS



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Starting a Lenten Journey

*“... follow me
And I will make you
Fishers of people.”
Mark 1:17*

Wednesday, March 2nd, we begin our Lenten Journey at **6:30** with our Ash Wednesday Service. Then, since Lent is a countdown event, making us ready for our Easter celebration.

We will begin Lent by meeting personally in our sanctuary as we move from a Pandemic to an Endemic community. Even as we work to return to **“normal”** in worship and finally with our community meals, we pray everyone will be patient and tolerant. There will be confusion at times and there will be continual adjustments.

Lent is **7** weeks of reflection and preparation. **“Do I have to give up something for Lent? The shelves are bare, and I can’t get anything anyway!”** someone joked this week.

Jesus is calling people to **“follow me”** as he leads his followers during Lent into the heart of the world’s suffering and struggle. Human sin is not only personal but systemic, it is ingrained in the world’s struggles to dominate, possess, and control. Jesus faced the fear and suffering of the overwhelming power of Rome in Jerusalem; we witness the world’s confusion and struggle in the Ukraine as Christians in the Orthodox faith face real pain and suffering. The Human Predicament is eternal as is the need for humanity to be redeemed. People suffer the realities of war, while others suffer trying to feed their families, and make ends meet . There is real suffering on many fronts.

The purpose of Lent, the reason it has become a yearly discipline, is that it works to set us free, personally and corporately, from the forces that enslave us. Whether it is our appetites for power, greed, control, or food , Lent has always been a time of intense reflection, self-scrutiny, and reincorporation of the community into its core beliefs. It is a time to sanctify a season for **“turning ourselves around”** and believing afresh the Good News, hearing God’s call for new life and making that the principle focus of our lives.

Looking forward to a meaningful journey,

Rev John Hughes

March 2, 2022



IRISH STEW



TO-GO!



WED. March 16th

\$15 per dinner

Order online at www.TheBrownChurch.org
Or by calling 603-447-3851.

PRE-PAID ORDERS ONLY BY 3/13!

**PICK UP WED. 3/16,
4: 30- 6 PM**

132 MAIN ST, CONWAY VILLAGE

*Your purchase benefits The Brown Church's work
To support the health and wellbeing of the
Mount Washington Valley area. Thank you!*



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Turkey Dinner



April 20th!

Turkey & all the Fixings!



**Save
The
Date!**

Food Pantry Statistics

MONTH	Households	People Served	Meals Given	Over 60	Under 18	Walk Ins	New Households
January & February 2022	54	117	4,914	58	20	8	2
<i>January & February 2021</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>6,216</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</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 - 1 lb.
 Boxed macaroni - elbow 1 lb.
 Crackers - 1 lb.
 Canned-Peas, Carrots, Green Beans, & corn 15 oz.
 Cold Cereal - 10.8 any kind

Instant Oatmeal - 1 lb.
 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 & 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
 603-447-3851
 Call to make an appointment or for more information.



OUTREACH ~ FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry had their annual inspection from the NH Food Bank last month. It had been two years without one due to Covid. Christy from the FB did our inspection, she has only been with them for a year. We have worked with her at the Mobile Food Pantry that we have done.

We went thru all questions they need to ask. Then we did a tour of the pantry. First we took her into the small warehouse, she was very impressed. Then we took her into the pantry, checking the freezers to make sure we had our thermometers in place. Then we entered the distribution room. She was very impressed and asked if she could take pictures. When all was done she said, "Let me tell you, you passed 100%". Paul and I want to give a **BIG THANKS** to all the Volunteers and everyone that helps in other ways. Without all of you it wouldn't have been possible.



Outreach Committee

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

MASK UPDATE

The Leadership of the Church have made a decision about wearing masks in church. Starting **March 6th**, the recommendation for masks will be as follows:



IF YOU
ARE FULLY
VACCINATED,
MASKS ARE
OPTIONAL

"Wearing of masks will be optional for those who have been fully vaccinated, but we ask that you still social distance yourselves. If you have not been fully vaccinated, we ask that you still wear a mask and social distance yourself from others. If you wish to still wear a mask in church that is totally up to you and if you wish to be social distanced from others just let the usher of the day know. We will be happy to seat you in an area away from others."

If you have any questions, please see a member of the Trustees or Diaconate.

Thank you, the Church Leadership

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

WELCOME TO OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE

cvccwebteam@gmail.com
www.thebrowchurch.org

Trustees

It is 51 degrees outside, 7 AM. New England weather. This month we change clocks on March 13th. Spring coming?

The trustees and Capital Campaign Committee reviewed the recent surveys we sent to the congregation. A big thank you to those who completed one. We were disappointed in the response however; seventy were sent out and 14 were returned.

We are at a critical point to make some decisions to go forth with some much needed work to the church. We got the message from the surveys to concentrate on the critical items to preserve the building.

The congregation's input is critical; it is your church. The Trustees and committee need your input to go forth with the technical team. It is not too late to send your survey back. We would like to also offer you a walk-through to see the issues for yourself and too look more closely at the options we are considering for the Sanctuary. PLEASE let us know a time that will work for you.



On March 6th, we hope to see Fellowship resume after church. We hope you can join us, we have missed this time together. It can also be a time to take that walk-through!

Save the dates: Take out dinner, **March 16th**, Irish Stew, thank you Carl Vitters.
April 20th, Turkey dinner, thank you Paul Weld.

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

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK	
3/6	Nancy Irving
3/13	Nancy Divine
3/20	Tom Workman
3/27	Paul Weld

TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm
March 1, 15 & 29





Over 110 years later

Did You Know?

- * Nearly two centuries ago the congregationalists in Conway built their church.
- * We shared a minister, Rev. Reuben Kimball, with North Conway until 1861.
- * Beginning in 1866, the Methodists shared the church building, meeting in the mornings, and the Congregationalists attended afternoon services.
- * 1956 the size of our church was doubled with an addition at the rear.
- * 2026 will mark 200 years since our Conway Village church was built.



Pre-1911 photo of the Second Congregational Church

Gleaned from William Marvel's article
Thursday, February 17, 2022; Conway Daily Sun

The Covid Conundrum

Here we are in another New Year
 Same old virus - same old fear.
 Are you as tired of this as I?
 Will we ever be able to say "good-bye"?

What to do, what not to do?
 Something old, nothing new,
 Then there's our mask, that thing we scoff
 Do we leave it on, can we take it off?

We all got shots in our upper arm
 Guaranteed to keep us free from harm.
 Years have passed, we still don't know,
 Do we stay at home or can we go?

One day it's this - another that,
 After awhile it gets "old hat".
 Do we hear the truth, can we believe
 The facts we get from The Powers That Be?



It's all too much and frankly crazy
 And the TV info a little hazy.
 Yet good folks get sick and that's so bad,
 And for these stats we all are sad.

There you have it the actual scope.
 Still remember where there's life there's hope.
 We all need to laugh so I wrote this poem
 And I'm sure we'll survive the Omicron!

So please take care - do the best you can
 Then trust in God and his healing hand.

Mary Russo

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>

To obtain Sunday Worship Service

Zoom Meeting information email

cvcwebteam@gmail.com

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United Church of Christ

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**Rev. John G. Hughes
Minister**

**Carl Vitters
Moderator**

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

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



April Newsletter Articles



Due by March 23rd



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

The Meaning of Lent

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent and Ash Wednesday are a season of 46 days before Easter. Lent is 40 days not counting the Sundays during this time. Lent usually includes repentance, fasting, reflection, and at the end the celebration of the risen Christ. The season represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, as Christ had done in the wilderness. In many churches Ash Wednesday is observed by placing ashes in the form of a cross on the foreheads of those in attendance at a service. The ashes are made from burning the palms from the previous year's palm branches used on Palm Sunday. Lent lasts until the end of the 40 days when Maundy Thursday happens, when Christ meets with his disciples for the last time before he is crucified, Good Friday, where Christ is hung on a cross to die and then laid in a tomb, and then Easter Sunday, where he rises from the dead on the third day. Let us all remember that during this time which starts this year on March 2, that we should repent, fast when we can, reflect on our lives, and then celebrate the risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

Written by Dawn Vitters

Diaconate members: Louise Saxby, Chair; Beth Campbell, Secretary; Dawn Vitters, Treasurer; Judy Workman, Mitzi Fitch, and Suzanne Rancourt

Next Diaconate Meeting

3:30 pm Wednesday

March 9th, 2022

March Deaconess

of the Month

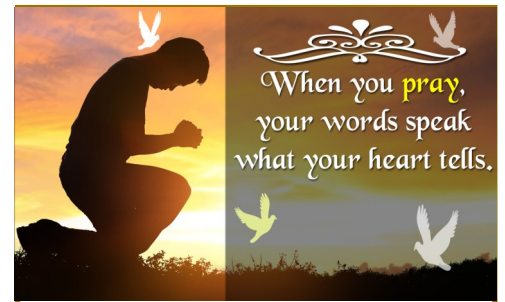
Louise Saxby



February Worship Service

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
2/6	53	Communion Sunday "How Jesus Works"
2/13	50	"Who'd Want to be Blessed?"
2/20	41	"Looking to the Future"
2/27		"Listen Up! God's Speaking"

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



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



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Fresh Homestyle Meal

Everyone Is Welcome!!

Mondays 4–5 pm

Call office on Mondays for menu!

603-447-3851



WINTER HOURS

Mondays 4 - 5 pm



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

To add someone to the Prayer List

Please call

603-447-3851

or email us at

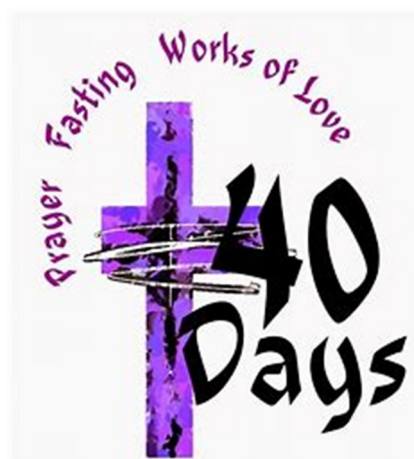
info@thebrownchurch.org

Please provide mailing address.

Thank you

Happy Birthday!

- 3/1 Faylene Bemis
- 3/1 Maurice LaMothe
- 3/3 Susan Klomp
- 3/15 Jennifer Lavigne
- 3/16 Donna West
- 3/17 Jonathan Saxby
- 3/21 Karen MacDonald
- 3/24 Gary MacDonald



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

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MARCH

2022



Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-17

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Meditation: “Celebrating Ornamental Lent”

Psalm 51:1-17

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – Lent Communion

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: “Do You call upon God ... by Name?”

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Sunday, March 13, 2022 – Lent 2

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon: “Is Your Mind set on Earthly Thing?”

Psalm 27

Sunday, March 20, 2022 – Lent 3

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: “Daring to Test the Limits of Faith”

Psalm 63:1-8

Sunday, March 27, 2022 – Lent 4/Rose Sunday

Joshua 5:9-12

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: “Being Overwhelmed Silently”

Psalm 32



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





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Trustees 4:30	2 	3 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm	4 9 am Men's Bible Study	5 Irish Stew Order Yours Today! P/U March 16 9 am AA-Good Morning Group
6 First Sunday in Lent 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	7 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	8 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	9 3:30 Diaconate Meeting	10 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm	11 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	12 9am AA- Good Morning Group
13 Second Sunday in Lent 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service IRISH STEW ORDER DEADLINE	14 Dinner Bell 4-5pm Take Out Only	15 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Capital Campaign Meeting 2pm Trustees 4:30	16 	 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm	18 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	19 9am AA-Good Morning Group
20 Third Sunday in Lent 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship service	21 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	22 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	23 Newsletter Articles Due By midnight	24 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u> AA Big Book Step Group 7pm	25 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	26 9am AA-Good Morning Group
27 Fourth Sunday in Lent 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	28 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	29 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Newsletter Mailed Trustees 4:30	30	31 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA Big Book Step Group 7pm		