



# CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

May 2022



## THE GOOD NEWS

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### Trustees

Coming up, [Sunday, May 1st](#), a Special Meeting to discuss options to the seating and layout of the sanctuary. This meeting is a follow-up to the surveys received. The Capital Campaign Committee now needs to get proposals for design work, which is to include these specific details. Please plan to join us in church or on zoom. We would love to see you in the Sanctuary to test out a chair and to get a better idea of the proposed layout.



Congregational Meeting

The trustees continue to monitor the finances weekly. We have just come off a tough winter with the high costs of plowing and sanding, heating oil and a new hot water heater in the parsonage. These costs were quite a bit higher than budgeted. Each week, the amount we collect from pledges, the plate and online are critical to paying all the bills and payroll. Giving on a regular basis helps with the cash flow and we appreciate everyone's contribution.



**May 21st- Spring Event 9- 2.** We are planning yard, plant and bake sales, along with a BBQ lunch. There will be a book table this year and we are looking forward to having Bob Bernhardt and Charlyne Grey sell their creative work.



You can help by signing up to bake, help at the event and donate yard sale items. You can call the church office to sign up.



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

5/1	Nancy Divine
5/8	John Edgerton
5/15	Nancy Irving
5/22	Duddie Andrews
5/29	Tom Workman

**TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS**  
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm  
May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>



# The Conway Village Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Reverend John G Hughes, II

PO Box 333

132 Main Street, Conway, New Hampshire 03818

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

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

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

A Special Meeting of the Membership of the Conway Village Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at approximately 11:00 am in the Sanctuary of the Conway Village Congregational Church following worship. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom platform. Voting will be done via roll call method. Please email [cvccwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com) or call the office for the phone in information.

The purpose of this Annual Meeting will be:

1. To discuss and determine the sanctuary seating.
2. To conduct any other business that may come to the floor of the meeting.

Dated at: Conway, New Hampshire, on the 22nd of March 2022

Dawn Vitters, Clerk

## MASK UPDATE

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



“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



“Close your eyes & do not peek, & I’ll rub spring across your cheek. Smooth & slender, soft and sleek. Close your eyes & do not peek.”

What is it?

Sally Jaeger



## THE DINNER BELL FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**Fresh Homestyle Meal**

**Everyone Is Welcome!!**

**Mondays 4-5 pm**



**Call office on Mondays for menu!**  
**603-447-3851**

**Take Out Only!**

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







Conway Village Church  
"The Brown Church"

# Spring Festival

May 21<sup>st</sup>

9 AM to 2 PM

Plant Sale

Bake Sale

Yard Sale

Crafts Sale

Barbeque Lunch

Lunch served 11:30 to 1:30

Conway Village Church  
132 Main St. Conway NH 03818  
603.447.3851 [info@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org)

# 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 ~ April 2022	128	284	11,928	134	49	24	12
<i>January ~ April 2021</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>11,760</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>11</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 box – 20 oz.  
 Juice - Orange or Apple – 64 oz.  
 Small Soup - Chicken Noodle or Tomato  
 Jelly - Grape or Strawberry – 16 oz.  
 Small canned Chicken or Tuna – 5 oz.  
 Baked Beans – 15 oz.  
 Tomato Sauce – 15 oz.  
 Beef Stew - Canned – 15 oz.  
 Boxed Crackers – 1 lb.  
 Boxed Spaghetti – 1 lb.  
 Canned Veggies - Peas, Carrots – 15 oz.  
 Instant Oatmeal – 1 lb.  
 Paper Towels  
 Toilet paper – individually wrapped  
 Shampoo - White Rain or Suave – 24 oz.  
 Dawn Dish detergent – small size  
 Tide Laundry Detergent – small size  
 Large Laundry Detergent  
 Hand Soap - Dial 2 or 3 pk bars



## 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 Donations

Please call the office to schedule a drop off time.

Most of these items can be  
 bought at Dollar Tree or  
 any supermarket.

**Thank you for your donations!**



Every  
 Donation  
 Makes A  
 Difference



## OUTREACH ~ FOOD PANTRY

The Outreach Committee is doing another mission. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, the 21<sup>st</sup> of July and the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, we will partner with Habitat for Humanity to provide lunch for the 25 men and women who will be working on a house in Edelweiss.

We will be providing egg salad, chicken salad, and tuna salad sandwiches, coleslaw, chips and cookies. We have all the fixings for the sandwiches, what we would like to ask from you, the congregation, is help with making coleslaw, and donations of small bags of chips and cookies. We have help with putting together the sandwiches.

If you would like to donate to this wonderful mission, please see any of the Outreach Members, or you can drop off at the Church on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>, July the 11<sup>th</sup> and August the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all from the Outreach Committee

### Outreach Committee

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



**JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 10AM**

**IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM**

**WELCOME TO OUR**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

For Meeting Information please email  
[cvccwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com)

**Boston Post Cane awarded  
to 102-year-old!**

**Anna Hill**, 102 years young and longtime CVCC member, is presented with the Boston Post Cane! Pictured here with Selectman John Colbath.

A tradition dating back to 1909, the gold-headed cane is presented to the town's oldest citizen of towns around New England.



(Rachel Sharples Photo)

**MISSING DOG**  
**Center Conway, NH**

"Penny"



**Golden Retriever**

female, 4 years, 85 pounds  
collar & tags, microchipped

missing 4/5/2022

**friendly but shy**  
**Do Not Chase!**

**Mill St & Old Mill Rd**

603.387.3215 - owner  
855.639.5678 - GSDR  
[www.granitestatedogrecovery.com](http://www.granitestatedogrecovery.com)

**FOUND**

This key was found outside the front door of the church. If this is your key, please call the church office Monday thru Thursday, 8am to 4pm to claim. 603-447-3851 Ask for Melody



Please help us help them find their missing family member.

Our Food Pantry receives regular donations from this family's farm!~

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>

To obtain Sunday Worship Service  
Zoom Meeting information email  
[cvccwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com)

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**Phone: 603-447-3851**

**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**



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

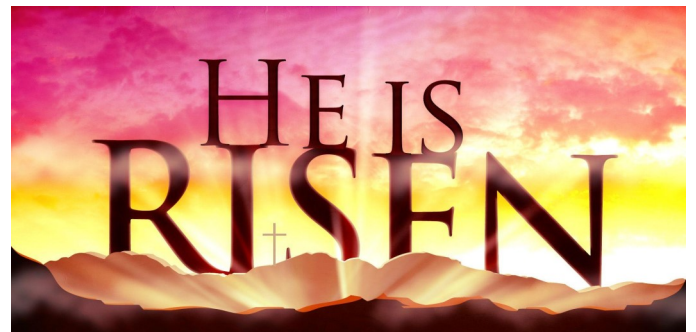
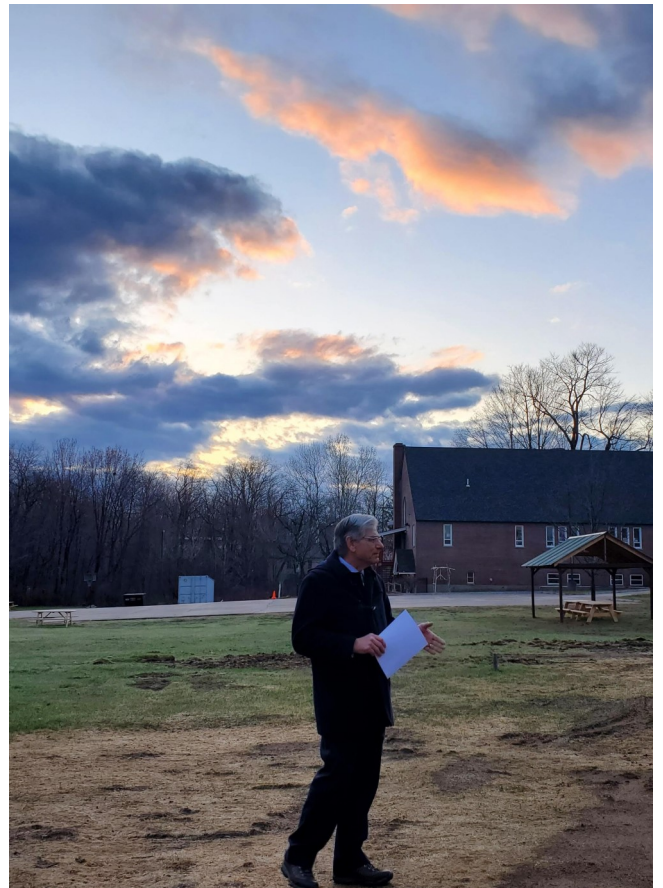




# An Easter Celebration



Wonderful celebration of Easter ~  
both inside and out! Thank you for all who  
attended our Sunrise and Easter morning  
services as well as the Easter breakfast.



## April Worship Service

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
4/3	44	<b>"Remembering Jesus Christ"</b>
4/10	51	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>"The Scales of Justice"</b>
4/17	15	<b>Easter Sunday Sunrise Service</b>
4/17	74	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>"Unexpected Joy!"</b>
4/24	47	<b>Guest Preacher ~ Carl Vitters</b> <b>"Are Your Doors Still Locked?"</b>
Attendance # includes both In Person & Zoom		

Please pray  
for our  
brothers  
and sisters.  
God's love  
is limitless!

- ◇ Alice Clapp
- ◇ Cathy Currier
- ◇ Colleen Albert
- ◇ Ruth Ward
- ◇ Elise Keeney Edgerton
- ◇ Linda Frechette
- ◇ Alice Spear
- ◇ Sharon Campbell
- ◇ Lisa Horne
- ◇ Sandy Stowell
- ◇ Judy Burgess
- ◇ Jill & Curt Reynolds
- ◇ Susan Proctor
- ◇ Bernie Plimpton
- ◇ John Vacchinos
- ◇ Olive Deblois

Happy  
*May*  
Birthday!

- 4/8 Kristin Burnell
- 4/11 Laura Sorensen
- 4/14 Dana Jones
- 4/15 Lewis Busell
- 4/16 Bill Weiss
- 4/20 Megan Jones
- 4/21 Judy Workman
- 4/24 Ciarra McLlarky
- 4/26 Anne Getchell
- 4/30 Suzanne Rancourt

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



June



Newsletter  
Articles

Due by May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Midnight!





## Diaconate

We are blessed! Over the last 2+ years the entire world has changed and everyone is navigating the new normal...

Our congregation has worked very hard to stay connected; our "web team" Steve, Nancy I. and Dawn have worked tirelessly improving our zoom experience. 108 + zoom services provided so far!

There is a separate group that spends hours coordinating the weekly music to match the scriptures and sermon. They consciously strive for a balance between traditional and contemporary.

Music is an integral piece of worship.

### Psalm 96

"1 Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day."



As we look forward, a priority is improving our music experience. Adjusting for in person and on Zoom worship requires using a keyboard. Modern keyboards are capable of providing a variety of music including what we are familiar with, piano and the pipe organ. Constructive feedback is appreciated. Please keep in mind technical issues due to the internet connection are beyond our control.

### Diaconate

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

**April  
Deaconess  
of the Month  
Beth Campbell**

**Next  
Diaconate Meeting  
3:30 pm  
Wednesday,  
May 11, 2022**

## Women's Bible Study 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)

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY JOIN US!

Weekly meetings are  
Fridays 9:00 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  
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## A Solitary Evening

In the **quiet** of an evening when the day is done,  
And you gaze out your window at the setting sun,  
Do you sit and reflect on deeds done that day  
And hope you did something-not waste it away?

In the **silence** of an evening when all becomes still,  
When memories of the past your mind wants to fill  
Do you think of loved ones in Heaven above,  
Does your heart overflow with goodness and love?

In the **stillness** of an evening when you sit all alone  
When Nature is resting and birds cease their song.  
Do you feel melancholy and just a bit sad  
For things left undone in the time that you had?

In the **twilight** of an evening when darkness is near  
Did you make someone smile, did you ease someone's fear?  
Are you pleased with your efforts to do what is right  
As you lie in your bed-say your prayers every night?

In the **shadow** of an evening when alone you abide  
Are you thankful to know that God's by your side?  
Has your day been fulfilling, are you glad to be you,  
Do you feel the Lord guides you in all that you do?

In the **closing** of an evening when twilight is nigh  
And the stars slowly draw the curtain of night,  
Do you feel in your heart your best you have shared  
That you lived, you loved and you cared?

So make your evenings a time to recall  
All the things you accomplished-no matter how small.  
Mary Russo



### Spring Event

May 21- 9-am-2pm

### **Yard Sale items wanted!**

Please donate items in good condition!

We are asking for household items in every category EXCEPT clothing, electronics, and upholstered furniture. Items can be brought to the church during business hours up until May 20th, please call the office, 603-447-3851, to arrange drop off location & time. Any other questions can be answered by calling Louise 603-662-7440.

Feel free to ask your family and friends to consider donating to our cause - useful items in good condition please!! Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated!

Louise Saxby  
Diaconate

# May Worship Schedule 2022



Sunday, May 1, 2022 – **Communion**

**Psalm 30**

Scripture: Acts 9:10-20

John 21:4-14

Sermon: “**Dare not Ask**”

Sunday, May 8, 2022 – Mother’s Day

**Psalm 23**

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

John 10:22-30

Sermon: “**Being Well Known**”

Sunday, May 15, 2022

**Psalm 148**

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Sermon: “**Let the Thirsty Drink Fully**”

Sunday, May 22, 2022

**Psalm 67**

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

John 14:23-29

Sermon: “**Moving Forward with a Dream**”

Sunday, May 29, 2022 – **Memorial Day**

**Psalm 97**

Scripture: TBA

Sermon: TBA



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)





# 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service  <b>SPECIAL MEETING</b> After Worship Service	<b>2</b> Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	<b>3</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	<b>4</b> 9am Church Clean-up Day  6:30pm AA-Men's Way of Life	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  7pm AA-Big Book Step Group	<b>6</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>7</b> 9am AA- Good Morning Group
<b>8</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service   Happy Mother's Day	<b>9</b> Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	<b>10</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am  Trustees 4:30	<b>11</b> Diaconate 3:30  6:30pm AA-Men's Way of Life	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  7pm AA-Big Book Step Group	<b>13</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>14</b> 9am AA- Good Morning Group
<b>15</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	<b>16</b> Dinner Bell 4-5pm Take Out Only	<b>17</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	<b>18</b> 6:30pm AA-Men's Way of Life	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  7pm AA-Big Book Step Group	<b>20</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study  Festival Set-Up 3:30  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>21</b> 9am AA-Good Morning Group   9am - 2pm Spring Festival
<b>22</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service Newsletter Articles Due By midnight	<b>23</b> Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	<b>24</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am  Trustees 4:30	<b>25</b> 6:30pm AA-Men's Way of Life 6:30	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  7pm AA Big Book Step Group	<b>27</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>28</b> 9am AA-Good Morning Group
<b>29</b> 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	<b>30</b> Office Closed  ★★ <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> ★★  No Dinner Bell	<b>31</b> Food Pantry 9-11:30 am				