



# CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## THE GOOD NEWS

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### Are You an Angel?

*“... why do you stand there  
gazing into heaven?”*  
Acts 1:9

People are always being asked to take polls and give their opinions: *“What is your ideal working environment, remote access or working in an office? What is your dream job? Are you hoping for a shorter work week?”* Polls show that for many *“The Great Resignation”* (quitting jobs during the pandemic) has resulted in *“The Great Regret”* (wishing for steady employment). Dreams of heavenly ideals often seem no earthly good.

At the time of Jesus’ **Ascension** (his rise to heaven), the disciples were standing around *“gazing into heaven”* when an angel questioned, *“Why are you gazing?”*. The angel states two things:

Why are you waiting upon the Lord when the Lord is waiting for you to get to work?

Glorious experiences are no substitute for your concrete actions & worthwhile accomplishments.

Reality proves that no wishful thinking or wistful gazing ever makes something real. In our contentious society, people readily claim their problems and disappointments are due to someone else or circumstances beyond their control. Deflecting responsibility and blaming others is common. A poem reflects this temperament:

#### A Poem on Commitment

There is a story about 4 people named:  
*Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.*  
There is an important job to be done.

*Everybody* was asked to do it.  
Everybody was sure *Somebody* would do it.  
*Anybody* could have done it,  
But *Nobody* did it.

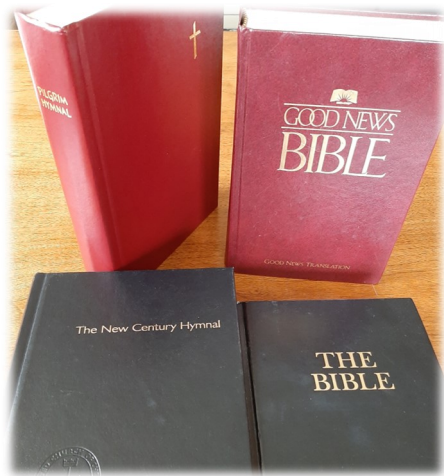
*Somebody* got angry because it was *Everybody*’s job.  
*Everybody* thought *Anybody* could do it.  
*Nobody* realized *Everybody* wouldn’t do it.  
It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody*,  
When *Nobody* did what *Anybody*  
could have done.

The Angel asks the disciples, *“What are you doing? ... Right now!”*, pushing them to make their faith a living reality. The Disciples became dynamic witnesses of true faith in a desperate world.

Do you know someone who could use such a push? Invite someone to become active in upcoming events and volunteering opportunities at the **Conway Village Congregational Church** as we reestablish our worship, choir, and outreach. Perhaps there is someone you know who wishes to move from contemplating their beliefs to living out a vital faith.

*Perhaps You Could be an Angel!*

## Free Bibles & Hymnals



Contact the church office  
to arrange pick up.  
603-447-3851 or  
[info@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org)

## 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



## 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.**



## Trustess

Hope everyone got through the early season heat that recently came to the area. On May 21st, we had our Spring Festival during one of these hot days. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers! It was a highly successful event, bringing in \$4,300! The plant sale, bake sale, crafts and yard sale kept busy all day. Thank you to Wally Campbell for providing a tasty pulled pork lunch.

The finances at the church have been very tight as a result of high fuel costs, utility, and plowing bills. While the event income will be a great help, it is very important to have regular pledges and plate income coming in. We thank all those who are able to help us.



The church had a clean-up day on May 4th, with many items ending up in the yard sale. Between this clean-up day and the yard sale, the church was able to clean out a number of areas. Take a walk around and see for yourself!!!

Chairs for the sanctuary will likely be delivered later this summer. We will need to find a place for the pews. Before we offer the pews to the public on the internet, we want the congregation to have the opportunity to purchase them. Some are in better condition than others. If anyone is interested, let the trustees know.

The next fundraiser is set for **July 4th**, selling **apple crisp** in our booth at Schouler Park on the 4th.

John Edgerton  
Anne Getchell  
Paul Weld

Duddie Andrews  
Nancy Irving

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

**TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS**  
**Tuesdays, 4:30 pm**  
**June 7th & 21st**

### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 6/5  | Anne Getchell  |
| 6/12 | Nancy Irving   |
| 6/19 | Nancy Divine   |
| 6/26 | Duddie Andrews |



# 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> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Jan ~ March 2022                | 93                | 210                  | 8,820              | 101            | 33              | 14              | 8                     |
| April ~ May 2022                | 70                | 159                  | 6,678              | 59             | 36              | 18              | 7                     |
| <b>Total January - May 2022</b> | <b>163</b>        | <b>369</b>           | <b>15,498</b>      | <b>160</b>     | <b>69</b>       | <b>32</b>       | <b>15</b>             |
| <i>January ~ March 2021</i>     | <i>101</i>        | <i>226</i>           | <i>9,492</i>       | <i>87</i>      | <i>43</i>       | <i>13</i>       | <i>10</i>             |
| <i>April ~ May 2021</i>         | <i>63</i>         | <i>140</i>           | <i>5,880</i>       | <i>52</i>      | <i>21</i>       | <i>17</i>       | <i>2</i>              |
| <i>Total January - May 2021</i> | <i>164</i>        | <i>366</i>           | <i>15,372</i>      | <i>139</i>     | <i>64</i>       | <i>30</i>       | <i>12</i>             |

## OUTREACH ~ FOOD PANTRY

As was mentioned in the May newsletter, the Outreach Committee is helping sponsor a luncheon for Habitat for Humanity. They are building a new home in Edelweiss in Madison, and our first month is June. There will be 25 volunteers building the home.

It had been decided we provide lunch for them. The menu will be as follows:

Tuna Fish, Chicken Salad and Ham Salad sandwiches; side dishes will be coleslaw, potato salad and chips, dessert will be cookies.

We are asking the congregation to help. If you can, please donate any of the sandwich fixings, coleslaw, potato salad or chips (sm. bags) or some cookies. We have already received donations of a case of chips, and coleslaw. Thank you for these donations. We have enough volunteers in place to put the sandwiches together for the month of June.

We would like items to be dropped off on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>. When you bring items to the church, please be sure they are labeled "Habitat for Humanity". If sandwich fixings, coleslaw or potato salad, have someone at the church put in the refrigerator.

The Outreach Committee thanks all in advance for their help in this wonderful Mission that we are doing. The next dates will be July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless -The Outreach Committee

### Outreach Committee

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





## 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



## 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!**

### 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.







6/2 Tom Workman  
6/5 Rob Leanna  
6/6 Linda Kirschbaum  
6/7 Louis Yeaton  
6/9 Frank Hackett  
6/15 Bob Bernhardt  
6/15 Curt Reynolds  
6/17 Gloria Aspinall  
6/19 Jon Saxby  
6/25 Bruce McClarky  
6/30 Jean Hamilton

The **Spring Festival** brought out the sun, bargain hunters, bubbles, and hungry souls to the **Conway Village Church**. What a wonderful event to raise much needed moneys for the Brown Church and much needed joy for everyone who participated! A huge **thank you** to all who volunteered their time and to all the wonderful people for supporting our missions!





**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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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



## May Worship Service

| Date  | #  | Special Day/Sermon Title             |
|---|----|--------------------------------------|
| 5/1   | 53 | <i>"Dare Not Ask"</i>                |
| 5/8   | 49 | <i>"Being Well Known"</i>            |
| 5/15  | ~  | No Worship Service                   |
| 5/22  | 40 | <i>"Moving Forward with a Dream"</i> |
| 5/29  |    | <i>"The Price of Freedom"</i>        |
| Attendance # includes both In Person & Zoom |    |                                      |



**Women's Bible Study ~ Thursdays 9:30 am**

**Men's Bible Study ~ 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

[info@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org)



## Prayer Requests

- ◇ 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
- ◇ John Vacchino
- ◇ Olive Deblois
- ◇ Maurice LaMothe
- ◇ Bobbie from Bangor

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



**JULY Articles**  
~ Due by June 20<sup>th</sup> ~  
**Midnight! Thank you!**



## Diaconate

### What is Pentecost & Why is it a Big Deal?

SPRING has sprung! Easter arrived with a sprinkling of snow on the ground and a glorious moon to greet the Risen Son for Sunrise Service. Spring flowers burst through the ground while warming days, rain showers, occasional HOT days helped blooming and greening trees bring summer-like weather to our beautiful valley. Isn't our God so, so good!

In the month of June, Christians around the world celebrate Pentecost—the beginning of Christ's church. The word Pentecost means 50. It happened 50 days after Easter, Christ's resurrection. What does it mean to Christian believers?



Let's look at Jesus' words shortly before Christ's Ascension in Acts 1:4-5

'...as he was eating a meal with them, he told them, (the disciples and other believers) **"Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he promised. Remember, I have told you about this before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. V.8 ..when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

Acts 2:1-4a 'On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection, the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit.'

Jesus promised us that after his resurrection and his return to God, his Father, that God would send the Holy Spirit to **live inside his people** - followers of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is many times referred to as a comforter, a guide, spirit of truth and presence of God. Isaiah listed 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit as **wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear** (a sense of awe and submission) **of the Lord.**

Symbols of the Holy Spirit are the Dove, Fire, Oil, Wind and Water. Pentecost is on June 5th and is a communion Sunday. **It is customary to wear Red on Pentecost.** The Lectionary has 23-25+ Sundays after Pentecost leading up to a Sunday before Advent begins. In other words the longest season of the lectionary calendar lasting from June 5 to November 13 this year!

This is possibly WAY more than you wanted to know about Pentecost, but I think a little history of the birth of Christ's Church and Jesus wanting to send the Spirit of the Trinity to live in you and me after He returned to his Father is a pretty big deal. Live blessed each day as we remember the Love of the Father, Jesus the Savior's unending Grace and the Holy Spirit's never-ending presence in our lives. Let us share those blessings with everyone who comes into our daily lives!

### June Deaconess of the Month ~ Judy Workman

#### Diaconate

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

**Diaconate Meeting**  
**10 am**  
**Wed, June 15, 2022**



# June 2022 Worship Schedule



## **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – *Pentecost Communion***

*Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Meditation: ***"Genuine, Transparent Love"***

## **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Psalm 8*

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Sermon: ***"Take What is Mine and Declare It"***

## **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – *Father's Day***

*Psalm 42*

Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-31

Sermon: ***"Living in the Tombs"***

## **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – *Baptism, Wesley John Rouine***

*Psalm 72:11-20*

*son of Michael + Deborah (Hughes) Rouine*

Scripture: 2Kings 2:6-14

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: ***"The Problem with Children"***



**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)



# JUNE 2022

| SUN  | MON   | TUE   | WED   | THU   | FRI   | SAT  |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
|  |   |   | 1<br><br>6:30pm<br>AA-Men's Way<br>of Life                              | 2<br>9:30 am<br>Women's<br>Bible Study<br><br>7pm AA-Big<br>Book Step           | 3<br>9 am Men's<br>Bible Study<br><br><u>Office Closed</u>  | 4<br><br><br>9am AA- Good<br>Morning<br>Group  |
| 5<br>10 am Zoom<br>& In Person<br>Worship Service<br>   | 6<br>Dinner Bell<br>5-6 pm<br>Take Out Only<br><br><u>Office Closed</u>                       | 7<br>Food Pantry<br>9-11:30 am<br><br>Trustees 4:30   | 8<br><br>6:30pm<br>AA-Men's Way<br>of Life                              | 9<br>9:30 am<br>Women's<br>Bible Study<br><br>7pm AA-Big<br>Book Step           | 10<br>9 am Men's<br>Bible Study<br><br><u>Office Closed</u> | 11<br><br><br>9am AA- Good<br>Morning<br>Group |
| 12<br>10 am Zoom<br>& In Person<br>Worship Service   | 13<br>Dinner Bell<br>5-6pm<br>Take Out Only   | 14<br>Food Pantry<br>9-11:30 am<br>                  | 15<br>Diaconate<br>10am<br><br>6:30pm<br>AA-Men's Way                   | 16<br>9:30 am<br>Women's<br>Bible Study<br><br>7pm AA-Big<br>Book Step<br>Group | 17<br>9 am Men's<br>Bible Study<br><br><u>Office Closed</u> | 18<br><br><br>9am AA-Good<br>Morning<br>Group  |
| 19<br>10 am Zoom<br>& In Person<br>Worship Service<br> | 20<br>Dinner Bell<br>5-6 pm<br>Take Out Only<br><br>Newsletter<br>Articles Due<br>By midnight | 21<br>Food Pantry<br>9-11:30 am<br><br>Trustees 4:30 | 22<br><br>Newsletter<br>Mailed<br><br>6:30pm<br>AA-Men's Way<br>of Life | 23<br>9:30 am<br>Women's<br>Bible Study<br><br>7pm AA Big<br>Book Step<br>Group | 24<br>9 am Men's<br>Bible Study<br><br><u>Office Closed</u> | 25<br><br><br>9am AA-Good<br>Morning<br>Group  |
| 26<br>10 am Zoom<br>& In Person<br>Worship Service   | 27<br>Dinner Bell<br>5-6 pm<br>Take Out Only  | 28<br>Food Pantry<br>9-11:30 am   | 29<br><br>6:30pm<br>AA-Men's Way<br>of Life                             | 30<br><br><u>Office Closed</u><br><br>7pm AA Big<br>Book Step<br>Group          |   |  |