



# CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## THE GOOD NEWS

September 2022



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### Making a Good Confession

*"Fight the good fight of faith.  
Take hold of "eternal life to which  
you were called when you made  
the good confession."*

**1 Timothy 6:12**

During the month of September, we look to continuing to integrate our active and Zoom worship format while welcoming people back to our sanctuary. At the end of the month, on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate a "**New Member Sunday**", when several people will be joining our church. It will be a Sunday of affirmation as people proclaim their willingness to commit themselves to an abundant faith. We will then share in communion to reestablish the Body of Christ, our Church.

The Apostle Paul twice calls for "**the good confession**" of faith over against the "**confession of sins**". In fact, in the New Testament, the word 'confessing' is mentioned **37** times, only **3** of which concerns sins. The majority of the New Testament is focused on the positive affirmation of faith as the object of confessing.

In **1 Timothy**, Paul mentions Timothy has already "**made the good confession**", that is, he has already acknowledged Jesus Christ as his Guide and Perfector. Paul throughout his epistles emphasizes the high esteem God holds for us, the high honor to which God calls and restores us. God calls to us to confess our faith so we may open ourselves up to receiving new life in all things, in every way. Paul is reminding Timothy that humans are God's greatest idea, the height of creation, not necessarily a recycled, second try. Many people find it quite natural to proclaim their faith as a positive affirmation of life, a generous response to a loving God.

Come join in a wonderful celebration on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** when people follow that which the Apostle Paul hoped and prayed - - "**the good confession**". We should feel blessed that our community generates such a response from people, and supports affirmation of faith. It will be a service where we all can reaffirm "**the good confession**" and claim our place in the hopes of a gracious God.

*Rev John Hughes*

*September 2022*

# The Dinner Bell



## Fight Hunger Bag Program

It's our month in the  
**Hannaford Helps Reusable  
Bag Program!**

Every \$2.50 Fight Hunger Bag

Bought at our local Hannaford store will send us a \$1 donation.

**Get yours today!**



The Dinner Bell  
has received a  
total of **\$340**  
from our previous  
participation in  
this program!

**Thank you for your support!**

## MASK UPDATE

The Leadership of the Church has made a decision about wearing masks in church. 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

I Love the  
Sound of the  
Dinner  
Bell



## Take Out Only!

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

No Dinner Bell Monday, September 5th in honor of Labor Day. Also, no Dinner Bell Monday, October 3rd or the 10th.  
(hours change with Daylight Savings)

# The Dinner Bell

## FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**Fresh Homestyle Meal**

**Everyone Is Welcome!!**

**Mondays 5 - 6 pm**

**Call office on Mondays for menu!**

**603-447-3851**



*As often as you did it for one  
of my least brothers, You did  
it for me.*

## Diaconate

Hello from the Diaconate corner. Hope you have had a wonderful summer and have been especially enjoying the spectacular weather of the last few weeks. God certainly made a wonderful creation up here in the north woods of New Hampshire and I'm ever grateful to live here!

One of the hats I happily wear as a Deacon is working primarily with Dawn to select music for the worship services. You might have wondered why we select the music that we do. Several factors go into that selection process. One of those factors is providing a variety of music. We search for music while focusing on the message found in the lyrics and choose a variety of styles to create a blend of traditional hymns and more contemporary praise and worship selections. The most important factor for us is to find music that complements the lectionary for a given Sunday.

Pastor John includes those lectionary readings every month in the newsletter on a page entitled Worship Schedule. This month you will notice there are readings from:

**Jeremiah** chapters 18, 8

**1 Timothy** chapter 6

**Luke** chapters 14, 15, 6, 16

If you are in need of devotional readings, I suggest that you try reading from these passages as Rev. Hughes lists them in the newsletter schedule. God will bless you each Sunday morning with a clearer understanding of their meanings.

I found a passage from 1 Timothy particularly powerful. I would like to share Paul's words with you now:

**"I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service.... I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."**

**1 Timothy 1:12,13b-17**

Let your LIGHT Shine! **Happy Autumn!**

**Judy Workman**

**PS** Diaconate is going to begin **Coffee Hour**

**Sign up sheets available** the beginning of September.

**Thank you for your support!**

### Diaconate

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



**Coffee Fellowship**

**Diaconate Meeting  
3:30 pm, Wednesday,  
Sept. 14th, 2022**

# CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## THE GOOD NEWS

### PRESS RELEASE

#### A New Look to Serve the Village of Conway

The “Little Brown Church in the Conway Village” has acquired a new look---where?

Is it the Food Pantry that serves Conway, Albany and Eaton areas providing food provisions that support our local villagers? No, but what an outstanding service the church has provided for over 31 years.

Is it the Monday night Dinner Bell that provides over 100 dinners to Mt. Washington Valley residents in an effort to assure kindness, caring and nourishment are provided? No, but what a wonderful gift and service to the valley community that has been provided for over 35 years.

Like the many years of service provided by the above programs and others, another portion of the “Brown Church”, its sanctuary, has provided a place of community, solace, comfort, inspiration, faith and worship. Its traditional pews have offered seating to congregants, visitors and a variety of participants enjoying special programs since 1906. Our aging pews have served us well for over 100 years. Today our “**new look**” is new chairs that support our “creature comfort” and add to the beauty of our traditional sanctuary. As our congregation works to update and renovate areas of the church, we invite our villagers and the residents and guests of our valley to come and celebrate our new look.

We are also celebrating a return to live music in our services. We are excited to introduce Stephanie Miles Vacchino who is joining our church family as our Music Accompanist. She has served in many roles as a piano instructor, accompanist and soloist, choral director and public school music director. Stephanie will be providing music for Sunday services. In addition, she will be working with our choir as they make a return to services in September. Our services will also continue to be provided over Zoom.

We have faced many challenges in the last two years, but we are blessed with the hope that we will be able to continue serving our community bringing services that enrich and enhance lives.

**PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TO ENJOY THE MUSIC**

**AND**

**CELEBRATE OUR “NEW LOOK!”**

**10:00 am**

**The Conway Village “Brown Church”**

**132 Main Street**

**Conway, NH 03818**

# 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.



# THANK YOU

## Outreach Committee

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

## 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 - August 2022	270	596	25,032	269	108	52	30
January - August 2021	259	568	23,856	220	103	48	20

# Conway Village Church

## The Brown Church

# Traditional Turkey Dinner

**\$15.<sup>00</sup>**  
Per Dinner



*Our most popular*

## Dine with us or Dinner To-Go

Reserve your dinner, limited dining room seating

All dinners, must be pre-ordered and pre-paid

## Wednesday September 7th

Dine in service 5 - 6:30

Pick up Dinners To-Go 5 - 6:00 PM

Order online [www.thebrownchurch.org](http://www.thebrownchurch.org) go to the "shop" page or call the church to order 603.447.3851 Order deadline ~ September 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Proceeds benefit The Brown Church's work to support the health and wellbeing of the Mount Washington Valley area.*



**Are You an Angel?** ...why do you stand there going into heaven? *Act 13*

People are always being asked to take polls and give their opinion. "What is your ideal working environment, career choice or working in an office?" "What is your dream job?" Are you looking for a better work-life balance? Pick some that fit you! "The Great Escape" (getting a job during the pandemic) has resulted in "The Great Escape" (looking for steady employment). Dreams of being able to do what you want to do.

At the time of Jesus' Ascension (he rose to heaven), the disciples were standing around "peering into heaven" when an angel questioned, "Why are you gazing?" The night comes two things:

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

Christian experience is no substitute for your career unless it is a worthwhile accomplishment.

Reality proves that an wishful thinking or wishful going over makes something real. In our consumer society, people usually 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 temperance:

**A Poem on Commitment**

There is a story about 9 people named  
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.  
There is an important job to be done.  
Everybody was asked to do it,  
Everybody said, "Somebody else will do it,  
But Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job.  
Everybody thought Somebody else would do it.  
Nobody realized Everybody wanted to do it.  
It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody,  
While nobody did what anybody  
could have done.

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

Do you have someone who could use such a push? Invite someone to become active in sponsoring events and fundraising opportunities at the Conway Village Congregational Church in its worship, our working, choir, and outreach. Perhaps there is someone you know who wishes to move from contemplating their beliefs to living out a real faith.

*Perhaps You Could be an Angel!*

*Rev. John Hughes June 2022*

## ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON "The Good News"?

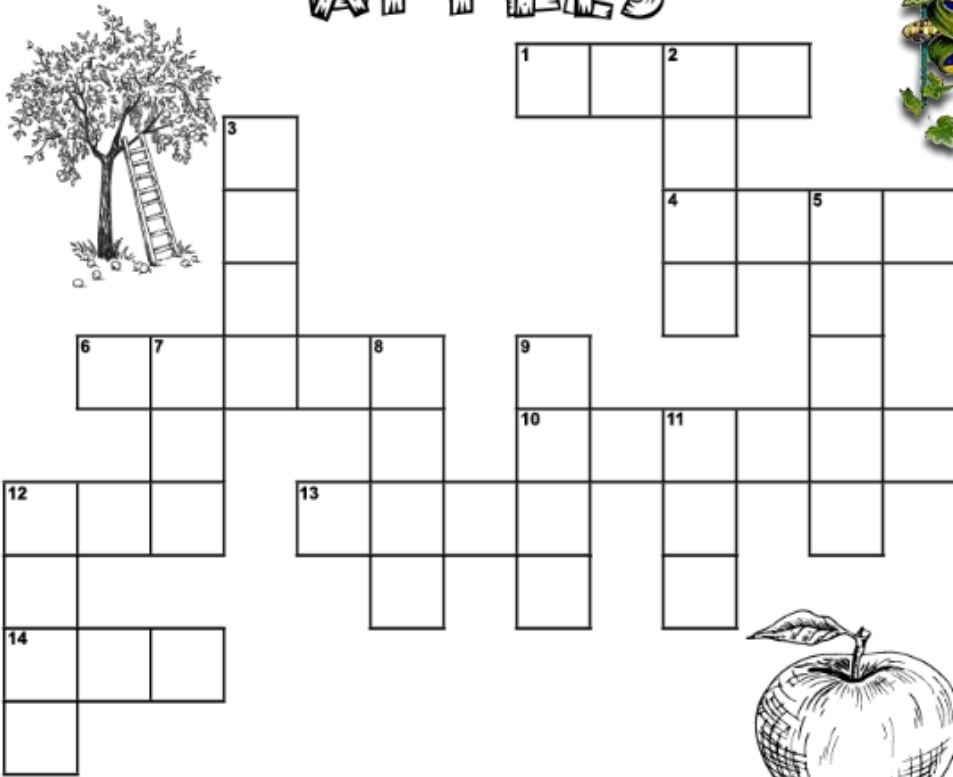
There are three ways to receive our newsletter:

1. Email - get the newsletter early and view it in full color!
2. Pick up a printed copy in the CVCC lobby.
3. US Mail - please only request a mailed copy if you do not have a computer.

If we do not have your current email or USPS mailing address, please email CVCC [info@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org) or, call (603) 447-3851.

Thank you.

# APPLES



Join the CVCC  
Apple People  
prepping for our  
largest fundraiser  
of the year!  
Be sure you  
don't miss out  
on the fun!  
See Website to sign up  
or call the office.

## ACROSS

1. a small animal you might find in an apple
4. using your hand to remove a fruit from where it is growing
6. small objects produced by a plant from which new plants can grow
10. round fruit with red, yellow, or green skin and firm white flesh
12. to divide an apple by using a knife
13. to remove the skin from an apple
14. the skin of an apple could be this color

## DOWN

2. fully grown and developed and ready to be eaten
3. a tall plant that has a thick, wooden stem and many large branches
5. raw apple juice that has not been filtered
7. to put food into your mouth and chew and swallow it
8. the long, thin part of a fruit that connects it to its plant
9. what an apple does to get to the ground
11. a baked desert sometimes made with apples
12. the center part of an apple



## TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

9 / 4	John Edgerton
9 / 11	Nancy Divine
9 / 18	Nancy Irving
9 / 25	Anne Getchell

**TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS**  
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm  
September 20th



**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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Stephanie Miles Vacchino**

**Moderator  
Carl Vitters**

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

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

Please visit our website at  
**thebrownchurch.org**  
<http://thebrownchurch.org>

**Don't FORGET!**  
**October Articles  
~ Due by Sept 20th ~  
Midnight!  
Thank you!**

**CVCC Office Hours**

Monday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

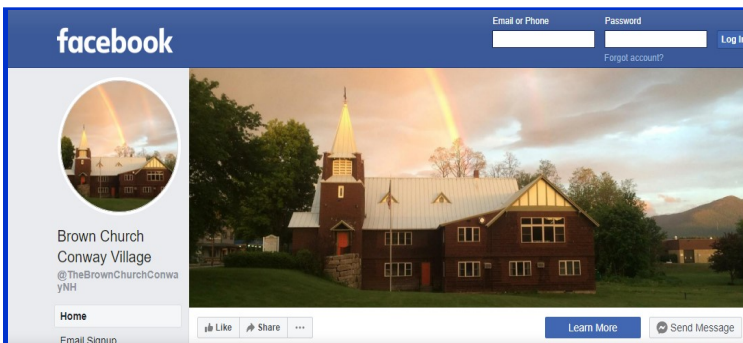
Tuesday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am-2:00 pm

**Beginning 9/15, Office Opened until 4pm**

**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





## August Worship Service

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
8/7	35	"Make Faith Your Only Possession"
8/14	38	"The Dark Side of Jesus"
8/21	44	"What's Happening Here? Can This be True?"
8/28	28	"Choose Your Place Carefully!" <i>No Zoom this week.</i>
Attendance # includes both In Person & Zoom		

Come Join Our

# BIBLE



# STUDY

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

Conference Room &/or Sanctuary

### Men's Bible Study ~ Fridays 9:00am

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)

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 their mailing address. Thank you



- ◇ Alice Clapp
- ◇ Cathy Currier
- ◇ Colleen Albert
- ◇ Elise Keeney Edgerton
- ◇ Linda Frechette
- ◇ Alice Spear
- ◇ Lisa Horne & Sandy Stowell
- ◇ Sharon Campbell
- ◇ Jill & Curt Reynolds
- ◇ Lisa & Sandy Stowell
- ◇ Family of Bernie Plimpton
- ◇ Judy Burgess
- ◇ Family of Susan Proctor
- ◇ John Vacchinos
- ◇ Olive Deblois
- ◇ Maurice LaMothe
- ◇ Bobbie
- ◇ Lori Dorey
- ◇ Family of Ruth Ward
- ◇ Jackie LeBlanc
- ◇ Finneas & Alora Kugel
- ◇ Wayne & Mitzi Fitch
- ◇ Nancy Spaulding
- ◇ John Matson
- ◇ Lycia Morley
- ◇ Mark Weld
- ◇ Father Paul Familia



# September 2022 Worship Schedule

## Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – *Communion*

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: “*Just Giving Up?*”

*Palm 136:1-6, 13-18*

## Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: Exodus 32:7-14  
Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: “*Restored to Rejoicing*”

*Psalms 51:1-10*

## Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
Luke 6:1-13

Sermon: “*Moving Beyond What is Expected*”

*Psalms 113*

## Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – *New Member Sunday*

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: “*Laying Foundations for the Future*”

*Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16*



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)





# September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm AA-Big Book Step Group	2 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	3 9am AA- Good Morning Group
4 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	5  No Dinner Bell <u>Office Closed</u>	6 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	7 5pm Turkey Dinner  6:30pm AA-Men's Way of Life	8 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm AA-Big Book Step Group	9 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	10 9am AA- Good Morning Group
11 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	12 Dinner Bell 5-6pm Take Out Only	13 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	14 Diaconate 3:30pm 6:30pm AA-Men's Way of Life	15 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm AA-Big Book Step Group	16 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	17 9am AA-Good Morning Group
18 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	19 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only	20 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Newsletter Articles Due Trustees 4:30	21 6:30pm AA-Men's Way of Life	22 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm AA Big Book Step Group	23 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	24 9am AA-Good Morning Group
25 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service  <i>New Member Sunday</i>	26 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take Out Only  Fryeburg Fair Crisp Prepping Begins	27 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am  Trustees 4:30 Tentatively	28 6:30pm AA-Men's Way of Life	29 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm AA Big Book Step Group	30 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	