

CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THE GOOD NEWS

November 2022



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Moderator's Moment

Here it is midway through autumn and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Autumn has been a very good two months so far for the church. The trustee appeal was an un-believable success. To date, we have raised \$12,799.00. This helped the church through the tight times until the Fryeburg Fair proceeds began coming in. On behalf of the Trustees, I want to thank everyone for their generous support, particularly in light of all the rising prices for everything from gasoline, to groceries and electricity. This was a much-needed shot in the arm for the church.

Then along came the Fryeburg Fair. Once again, the church rallied and put forth the necessary effort to pull off making 500 pans of apple crisp and selling over 400 of them at the fair booth. The crisp was very consistent and was enjoyed by many loyal customers. We did well even with another \$2.00 increase and with a lot of competition. There were 5 other booths selling apple crisp this year. Last year we only had one other booth selling crisp. The lower pan count was due to the competition as well as the econ- omy. Again, on behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank all the volunteers that came



to peel and prepare apples for baking, to those who put all the ingredients together, and those that spent hours baking them. I also want to thank those that came out to the booth and hustled crisp. Thanks also to those that came out to help set up the booth and tear it down. We also sold pans of crisp after the fair, and gave Dinner bell 10 pans to give out as dessert at their dinner. We also have enough to save for dessert for our November dinner at the church.

Save this date! November 18th, which is a Friday. We are putting on a dinner primarily for eat-in. We want to encourage you to come out for a great French Onion Stuffed Roast Pork, and a creamy vegetable soup. *(I already tried the recipes out on a few guinea pigs from the church to get their approval).* It will be a wonderful evening to have a great meal, enjoy each other's company, and get ready to count our blessings as Stewardship Sunday will be the 20th. The month will be topped off with Thanksgiving on the 24th. Then, because Christmas is on a Sunday this year, we are blessed with Advent starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving.



Thank you once again for all the support that you show this church. May God's blessing be upon each and every one of you.

Sincerely yours,

Carl F. Vitters, Moderator

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 Albany, Chatham, Conway,
Center Conway, East Conway & Eaton

603-447-3851

Call for appointment or for more information.

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 - October 2022	333	717	30,114	324	124	65	37
January - October 2021	322	697	29,274	272	129	63	24



*The Brown Church
of Conway Village
is grateful for:*

- 🍏 The 45 volunteers who peeled, cut, and baked Apple Crisp.
- 🍏 The twenty, 5-hour shifts, offered at our Apple Crisp Booth.
- 🍏 The 1,020 total hours of support received.
- 🍏 The faithful, return-customers who generate our sales.
- 🍏 The comradery and support of the other vendors.
- 🍏 The support of the Fryeburg Fair staff.



We thank everyone for their generosity
and helping us support our programs for
the health and welfare of the
Mount Washington Valley.

*Thank
you!*



TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm
November 16th & 29th

Trustees

John Edgerton
Tom Workman
Nancy Irving
Paul Weld

Duddie Andrews
Anne Getchell
Nancy Divine
Carl Vitters, ex officio member (CVCC Treasurer)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

11/6	Nancy Irving
11/13	Anne Getchell
11/20	Tom Workman
11/27	Paul Weld

November Message from the Diaconate

For me November is about Thanksgiving, but life is a complicated venture.

I struggle with the diminishing sunlight and intense sadness over the loss of my niece as each year passes without her.

I feel joy remembering my grandmother on her birthday and how blessed I am on my grandson's birthday. My sister and brother both were born in November.

And then there is Thanksgiving Day.

The reality is life is full of good times and bad. I am sharing the following poem to remind us that we are never alone.

Footprints In The Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand.

He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it:

"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way.

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

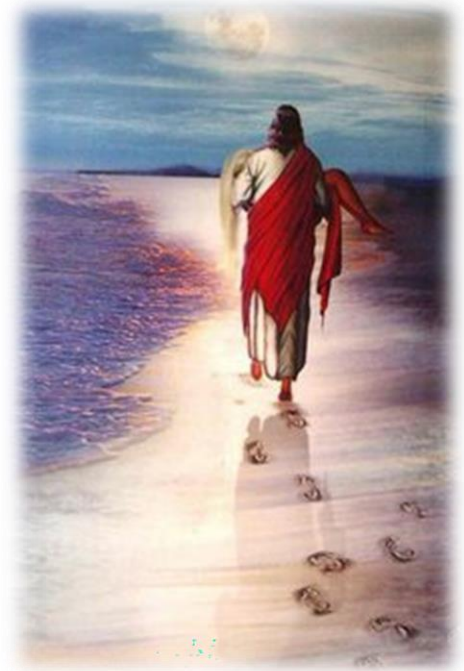
The LORD replied:

"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Author: Carolyn Joyce Carty

Beth Campbell

Diaconate of the Month



Diaconate

*Judy Workman and Dawn Vitters—Co-chairs,
Beth Campbell, Suzanne Rancourt and Louise Saxby*



Conway Village Congregational Church

The Brown Church

132 Main St. P.O. Box 333 Conway NH 03818 603-447-3851

Traditional Stuffed Pork Dinner Friday November 18th serving 5-6 PM

\$15 per dinner



**Dinner Table Service in Fellowship Hall
or order Dinner To-Go**

Advance prepaid orders only ~ Order deadline November 16th

**Order Family Size Pans (10"x12") of our famous
Apple Crisp for sale \$30, perfect for the holidays**

Call the church office to order 603.447.3851 or order online at thebrownchurch.org/shop

Scan QR code to order online



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

Join Us For Coffee Fellowship Following Sunday Morning Worship Services

We are slowly returning to pre-pandemic Sunday mornings. The chairs are fuller than they have been, with more people returning to in person worship and less people attending via Zoom. We are now able to sing familiar hymns from the hymnals accompanied by Stephanie on the keyboard. The music committee and tech team are working with Stephanie to find which "voices" on the keyboard sound best in church and on zoom. Please be patient as we work through this process. Post service coffee fellowship is back! It is great to be able to catch up with all that has happened in each others lives these past few years. Coffee fellowship consists of light snacks, such as pastries or cookies and coffee and juice. There is a sign up sheet available if you would like to provide the light snacks for any given Sunday.



Church Pews For Sale

We have four 12 feet long and three 11.5 feet long.



\$100 each. Please call the office to arrange a time to look at or pick up. No cushions.

Thank you.

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 available on Zoom.

If you would like to join a group, please contact the Church office at 603-447-3851

The Dinner Bell

FREE COMMUNITY
DINNER



Fresh Homestyle Meal
Everyone Is Welcome!!

Mon days 4—5 pm

Call the Church office on Mondays
for that days menu!

603-447-3851

Take Out Only!

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



**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."

Sunday Worship via Zoom
Website zoom.us/join
Meeting ID: 876 2425 7300
Passcode: 589150

To contact the web/tech
team email
[cvccwebteam@gmail.co](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com)

Please visit our website or email us to sign up for our email mailing list. Let us know which types of emails you are interested in, weekly worship, monthly newsletter, special events and volunteer opportunities, website: **thebrownchurch.org**

**Conway Village
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United Church of Christ

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**Rev. John G. Hughes
Minister**

**Music Accompanist
Stephanie Miles Vacchino**

**Moderator
Carl Vitters**

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



**December
Newsletter
Articles Due by:
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-4:00 pm
CLOSED FRIDAYS	



Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/TheBrownChurchConwayNH/> You can find it by searching in Facebook for the "Brown Church Conway NH" If you use Facebook please "LIKE" our Facebook Page by clicking the "Like" button at the top of the page.

By liking our page




people will see our church know that 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

QR Codes, what are they and why are we using them?

You will soon see Quick Response (QR) codes on church print materials including our bulletins, pew cards, newsletters, and event flyers. QR codes are a type of barcode that is typically linked to a website or an application. A QR code provides easy access to our website when scanned with a mobile device (phone) camera. The two QR codes below are different they both have a small image of our church in the center. The QR code on the left when scanned takes the user to our donation page. The QR code on the right goes to the home page of our website. There are many potential designs and uses for QR codes but these are two that we will be using for now.

The primary reason we have decided to begin using these QR codes is to provide an easy way for people to make donations and to learn more about our church. A lot of people no longer carry much cash with them. This has been evident in our plate donations when we have visitors who would have gladly made a donation, or perhaps given a larger donation but were not carrying cash. In the future we will likely use QR codes for the Capital Campaign or other specifically targeted donations such as to the Food Pantry.




Donate to
Conway Village Congregational Church

\$0.00
USD

☐ Add \$0.00 to help cover the fees.
☐ Make this a monthly donation

[Donate with PayPal](#)
[Donate with Debit or Credit Card](#)

[Cancel and return to Conway Village Congregational Church](#)



Public event, all are welcome!

Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing

Saturday, November 26th 7:00 PM

at the
Conway Village Church
"The Brown Church"

Please join us, everyone is welcome, as we celebrate the start of the Christmas Season with Carols and Songs and the lighting of our Christmas Trees.

Keep warm with hot cocoa while we warm our hearts with the familiar sights and sounds of the season of Light!

This is a free event

Come in and see what changes we've made and the plans we have for the future of the Brown Church as we continue to serve the valley community.



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October Worship Service

Date	In Church	On Zoom	Special Day/Sermon Title
10/2	29	0	<i>Pulpit Supply ~ Carl Vitters "Faith! The Great Motivator!"</i>
10/9	28	0	<i>"Rejoice 10-Lepers are Clean"</i>
10/16	25	26	<i>"Inspired by God?"</i>
10/23	23	17	<i>"Thank God I am Not like That!"</i>
10/30			<i>"Are You the Wee-Little Man?"</i>

Happy Birthday November Birthdays



11/12 Dorothy Hunter

11/11 Sut Marshall

11/13 Nancy Geiger

11/16 Dreaner Sanford

11/16 Dawn Vitters

11/26 Alice Clapp

11/29 Holly Necochea



Fight Hunger Bag Program



Time to celebrate!

**\$64 was raised for
The Dinner Bell**

**by shoppers & supporters!
In September**



PRAYER REQUEST

- † Alice Clapp
- † Cathy Currier
- † Colleen Albert
- † Elise Keeney Edgerton
- † Linda Frechette
- † Alice Spear
- † Jill & Curt Reynolds
- † John Vacchinos
- † Wayne & Mitzi Fitch
- † Nancy Spaulding
- † Lycia Morley
- † Father Paul Familia
- † Keith Hutchings, Jr.
- † Carol Baribeau
- † Brenda Hart
- † Tom Steele
- † Nicole Rabideau & Family
- † Sandy Stowell & Lisa Horne & Family

To add someone to the Prayer List

Please call 603-447-3851 or
email us at

info@thebrownchurch.org

Also please provide the persons
mailing address so we may send
cards. Thank you

Hannaford & **The Dinner Bell**

Thank you for your commitment to improving the community we call home!

We can continue raising money throughout the year with the **Hannaford Giving Tag Program**. You can direct \$1 to the Dinner Bell at any time by using the Giving Tag attached to the reusable Fight Hunger Bag purchases at any Hannaford location.



November 2022 Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 6th – communion

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Luke 20:27-38

Sermon: **"After Death Challenges"**

Sunday, November 13th –

Psalm 98

Scripture: Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: **"Here is the Church ... Here is the Steeple"**

Sunday, November 20th – Thanksgiving Sunday

Psalm 46

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-8

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: **"Let Him Save Himself"**

Sunday, November 27th – 1st Advent Sunday, Year A

Psalm 122

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25

Luke 1:57-66

Sermon: **"Angels Cause Doubt"**



Sundays 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship via Zoom Website
zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 876 2425 7300

Passcode: 589150

We'll use this meeting until further notice

Join us in person



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am By Appt	2	3 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7 pm AA Big Book	4 9:00 Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	5 9 am AA Good Morning Group
6 10 AM Worship  6:30-7:30 pm AA Meeting	7 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take out only NH Food Bank Mobile Pantry HAM Arena 12-2	8 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am By Appt 	9	10 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7 pm AA Big Book	11 9:00 Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	12 9 am AA Good Morning Group
13 10 AM Worship 6:30-7:30 pm AA Meeting	14 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take out only	15 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am By Appt 9am Children Unlimited Support Group	16 4:30 Trustees Meeting	17 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7 pm AA Big Book	18 9:00 Men's Bible Study Pork Dinner 5-6pm  <u>Office Closed</u>	19 9 am AA Good Morning Group
20 10 AM Worship  Stewardship Sunday 6:30-7:30 pm AA Meeting	21 9am-2pm Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bag Distribution Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take out Only	22 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am By Appt 9am-2pm Thanksgiving Bag Distribution	23	24  HAPPY THANKSGIVING  <u>Office Closed</u>	25 <u>Office Closed</u>	26 9 AM AA Group Tree Lighting, Carols & Cocoa 7 PM 
27 10 AM Worship (No Zoom)  1st Sunday of Advent 6:30-7:30 pm AA Meeting	27 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take out only	29 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am By Appt 4:30 Trustees Meeting				