



CONWAY VILLAGE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
THE GOOD NEWS

April 2023



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Celebrating Holy Week
2023

Our Schedule for Holy Week:

Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday, communion

Psalm 16

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 27:11-26

Sermon: “*Jesus Refuses to Speak*”

Maundy Thursday, April 6th – 6:00 p.m.

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Meditation: “*Redirecting Our History*”

Good Friday, April 7th – 6:00 p.m. Christ Church Episcopal, North Conway

*The Service of Tenebrae (Service of Shadows) ***

*** We are pleased to announce there will be an Ecumenical Good Friday Service this year, hosted by Christ Church, Episcopal in North Conway at 6:00 p.m.*

Our host pastor will be the Reverend Father Sinclair “Skippy” Ender. Father Sinclair received his Master of Divinity at the University of the South in 2018. He was ordained at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa, serving as Curate for 2 years. Later serving as a Lieutenant, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, “Father Skippy” served as Hospitaller of Saint Martin. He now returns to Pastoral Ministry at Christ Church. He and his wife, Emily, have 2 daughters and will be living in Conway Village.

Easter Sunrise, April 9th – 6:00 a.m.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:1-6
John 20:1-18
Meditation: “*Mary ... It’s Me!*”

Easter Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall following Sunrise Service

Easter Morning Worship, April 10th – 10:00 a.m.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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Matthew 28:11-15
Meditation: “*Jesus Got Up! What do We do Now?*”

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE + JOIN US + ALL ARE WELCOME

PALM SUNDAY 10 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE 6 PM	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE	EASTER SUNDAY 10AM

Rev John Hughes

April 2023

Thank You for Dinner

The Conway Village Congregational Church (the Brown Church) wishes to acknowledge the Mexican Restaurant, **Café Noche**, for donating the chicken used to create the **Mediterranean Dinner** on March 10th. Sales for the dinner brought in \$770.00 for the general budget. The generosity of **Tom Kugel and Leah Folsom**, owners of the Valley Original Restaurant, is greatly appreciated. We also wish to acknowledge the youth who decorated placemats for the evening's event (*it only cost me hot fudge sundaes!*).



The Mediterranean Dinner was surprising. Why? We made desserts for 60 people and 38 people who sat down for the dinner ate them all! People came for dinner and stayed long after the event was supposed to end! Volunteers donated hours of their time and were not only upbeat but joyous! The number of “eat-in” diners went up dramatically from our last dinner! People could not decide whether the chocolate-chocolate chip, gluten-free cookies tasted like brownies or meringues!

The success of the evening was due to the generosity of so many people. The last tray of chicken was broken up to be delivered to people who because of illness or transportation issues could not attend. Overall, the event created so much joy. Thanks to everyone who made the event the success it became.

Rev. John Hughes

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

Thank you for your support

Thank You for the Gift of Music!

A farewell celebration for **Stephanie Miles Vacchino** was held during the fellowship hour following her last Sunday with us on March 19th. This culminated her eight months of offering music on Sunday mornings for the **Conway Village Congregational Church**. Stephanie brought her experience as a Public-School Music Director, Piano Instructor, Choral Director, and Musical Support for various churches. Her contributions to our worship experience were not only deeply appreciated but will be sorely missed. We appreciate her patience, good-nature, and adaptability as we navigated the “virtual realities” of broadcasting music over the internet.

The Brown Church offers its prayers and best wishes to Stephanie as she begins as Organist, Accompanist, and Choir Director for the North Falmouth Congregational Church, in Falmouth, Massachusetts.



The following recipe has been served at fellowship and received great reviews, so we decided to share with all!



FRUIT DIP

1 cup sour cream 2 Tbsp. chopped nuts
1/4 cup flaked coconut 2 Tbsp. apricot preserves
Mix all together and serve with fresh fruit



TRUSTEES' MESSAGE

April is here already. We hope to soon be greeted by crocuses, daffodils and more blooming through the snow, new life to signal the coming of Spring. We also celebrate Holy Week and Christ's resurrection bringing new life to each and every one of us on Easter Sunday. While on the topic of flowers and Easter, most churches are filled with iconic white Lilies at Easter. I never put much thought into why the Lilly, in particular is the Easter flower. I always assumed it was just because they are white and beautiful and a flower mentioned many times in the Bible. But, it turns out there is more to the story.

The Easter Lily is an iconic symbol of Spring with deep roots in American and Christian traditions. The Easter Lily features long, slender leaves encircling large, beautiful white blooms. In the Christian tradition, the Easter Lilies were nicknamed "white-robed apostles of hope" and their white color symbolizes the purity of Christ. The trumpet shape of the Lily bloom heralds the message that Christ has risen on Easter Sunday. Their growth cycle also echoes the Christian tradition of the Resurrection. An Easter Lily begins as a brown, stubby bulb that grows in the ground for three years before emerging with a beautiful white bloom. These three years echo the three days Christ spent in the tomb before his resurrection on Easter Sunday. This symbolic tradition associates the Easter Lily with hope, purity and rebirth.¹



We hope to see many of you during the upcoming Holy Week at the church or via zoom. Happy Easter!

The trustees thank John Hughes and all of the volunteers who made the March 10th dinner possible, and those who purchased dinners. We sold 51 dinners and with Shrove Tuesday Contributions, \$1,011 was raised for the church. Just as important, we had folks dining and enjoying each other's company in fellowship hall. It was wonderful to welcome back some folks we had not seen in a while, and to hear the joyful noise coming from fellowship hall. Thank you to Café Noche for their generous donation of the food for this dinner.



Our next event is typically our second biggest annual fundraising event, the Spring Fling, which will be on Saturday, May 20th. There are many aspects to this event. We will need a lot of time and talent contributions from our church community both in preparation for the event and for the actual event on the 20th. Here is a list of the segments we expect to incorporate into this event, which areas speak to you where you might help; Yard Sale, Plant Sale, Bake Sale, Gift Baskets Sale, Pick-a-Prize raffle, Crafters, and BBQ Luncheon? We are hoping to expand the event to include some additional items this year, under consideration are: Fresh Produce Sale, Balloon Sales, Live Music, Children's Activities, and some form of Military/Veteran's recognition, as it will be Armed Forces Day and shortly before Memorial Day.

There will be a lot of pre-event work to be done for this event, approaching area businesses for donations, particularly those businesses in the Conway Village area, organizing yard sale donations, baking for the bake sale, and event logistics. Please reach out to a trustee or council member to let us know where you can volunteer. We also need everyone to talk up this event among your friends & family, at the hairdressers/barbershop, at work or social events. We will have flyers available for distribution. Thank you in advance for your contribution to the success of this event.

We wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter and a joy filled Spring from the Conway Village Church Trustees. Nancy Irving

¹ Credit to Flower Works Blog posted April 4, 2021, by Andrea Forsberg

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

4/2	Duddie Andrews
4/9	John Edgerton
4/16	Anne Getchell
4/23	Nancy Irving
4/30	Nancy Divine

TRUSTEE'S MEETING

**4:30pm Tuesday,
April 4, 2023**

Trustee Board: Anne Getchell, John Edgerton, Duddie Andrews, Nancy Irving, Nancy Divine, Tom Workman, ex officio member, Treasurer

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, 8:30-12 pm

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>
First Quarter 2023 (Excludes March 28)	102	214	8,988	98	34	24	19
First Quarter 2022	93	210	8,820	101	33	14	8

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIACONATE

The old saying is "April showers bring May flowers." I would like to suggest that this April brings showers of blessings, gifts, and promises. Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter all come to us this month.

We are blessed with these special days to remind us of the gift from God of his Son whose life was sacrificed for us. We are given the promise of everlasting life if we believe in our Savior, Jesus, and follow his teachings. We receive God's grace every day, even though we may fall short of our responsibilities and God's expectations for us.

Yes, April is the month where we anticipate the coming of Spring and new beginnings. We look forward to warmer weather, green grass, blooming plants, and beautiful flowers. All those things we embrace with great anticipation. Let us also embrace God's grace and his gift of eternal life for us. Let us have a new beginning this Spring to renew our faith and dedication to a Savior who gave all for us.



May you have a blessed Easter! Nancy Divine

John 3-16-17: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.



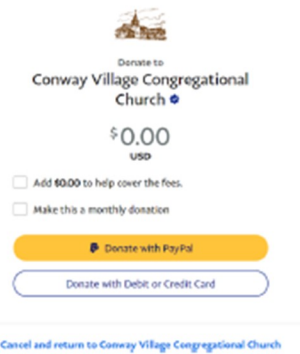
Diaconate

*Co-Chairs - Louise Saxby & Judy Workman;
Treasurer - Dawn Vitters; Secretary - Beth
Campbell, and Nancy Divine*

*Deaconess
of the Month*
Nancy Divine

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 newsletters, special events & volunteer opportunities, website:
thebrownchurch.org

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.



To contact the web/tech team email
cvccwebteam@gmail.com

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.

Come Join Our
BIBLE

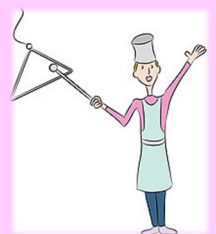
STUDY

~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 or email info@thebrownchurch.org

The Dinner Bell
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Fresh Homestyle Meal
 Everyone Is Welcome!!
 Mondays 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.



OUTREACH

Donations to Benefit The Conway Village Church Food Pantry



Fight Hunger Bag Program



**Drop by drop
makes an ocean.**

**Dollar by dollar
makes a
difference.**

For all of April, every purchase of this \$2.50 Fight Hunger Bag at our designated Hannaford sends us \$1.

Every dollar counts!

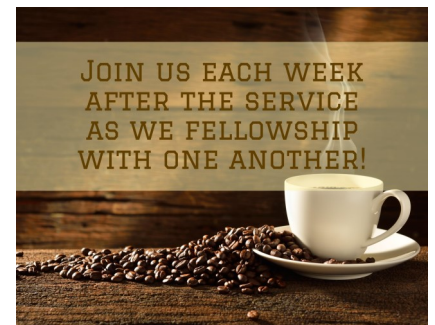


FIGHT HUNGER BAG PROGRAM | HANNAFORD.2GIVELOCAL.COM

Thank you for your support!!! The Outreach Committee,
Charlyne Gray; Dawn Vitters; Charles Monaghan; Anne Getchell, Treasurer;
Marilyn Hughes, Secretary; and Sylvia Weld, Chairperson

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. 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.



March Worship Service

Date	In Church	On Zoom	Special Day/Sermon Title
3/5	27	14	Communion Sunday "Beyond the Obvious"
3/12	23	24	"The Scandal of Living Water"
3/19	36	22	"Can This Really Be True?"
3/26			"Was Jesus Dawdling?"

Happy Birthday



April
BIRTHDAYS

4/8 Kristen 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
Also, please provide the
person's mailing address
so we may send cards.

Thank you

A Little Story with Lots of Meaning

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.
On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but
only one boy came with an umbrella.

That is faith!



Help us save a

Tree & postage!!

Please call or email the
office if you would like
to help us save money
by receiving your monthly
newsletter by email!

Please be sure to contact
us at 603-447-3851 or at
info@thebrownchurch.org



Thank you!

Power of Prayer

Please be
praying
for.....



- + Alice Clapp
- + Cathy Carrier
- + Colleen Albert
- + Elise Keeney Edgerton
- + Linda Frechette
- + Alice Spear
- + Jill & Curt Reynolds
- + Tom Steele
- + Nicole Rabideau & Family
- + Carol Baribeau
- + Sandy Stowell, Lisa Horne & Family
- + Mitzi Fitch & Family
- + Cory Smith
- + Mark Weld
- + Debbie Kelly
- + Sanphy Family
- + Greg Turgeon
- + Paul Fitzsimmons
- + Lori Dorey
- + Russ Hunter & Family
- + Ruth Proctor



Sundays 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship via Zoom
To access Zoom meeting by Phone
Phone Number: 1 646 558 8656
(for audio only)
Meeting ID: 832 6656 0783
Password: 074610

Join us in person!



Council Connections

The meeting was started with the approval of use of the simplified Robert Rules of Order for small groups which was supplied by John Edgerton. This is a much less formal setting that allows the group to interact, but still get things done.

February saw the church bring in \$10,632.68 for the month, some of which were restricted donations. The church has managed to make it through two months in the black. However, the surplus that we started the year with is almost gone. March will likely be the month where we start to see the effects of the deficit budget kicking in. The Council requested one tweak to the cash flow report so that it shows a running balance by date rather than just the typical credits and debits. This will let everyone know how the cash flow is happening without having to add or subtract payments that are not due yet.

Since the Deaconate is footing the bills for worship programming, it was decided to put the Marshall Fund dividend of \$578.00 in the Deaconate checking account. It was also decided that a new checking account would be opened for Outreach. This way the money that the church designated for mission will go directly into that account to be available for disbursement when needed. Past years, if the money was not used it was just absorbed into the general checking. This will be a fairer way of showing the congregation that the money that they earmarked for mission will actually get spent on mission work.

The Pastor's account has been hit very hard as late and only has about \$36.00 left in the account. The Council agreed to put out a donation jar during Easter breakfast to help replenish that account.

The Council discussed at great length the plans for the Spring Fling. Anne is willing to head this fundraiser, but we need your help. Women's Bible Study is heading up the plant sale, Wally & Beth Campbell are heading up the food. We are looking for volunteers to make crafts to sell, good condition items for a yard sale, volunteers to go to area businesses to gather gift donations and to pitch the tree lighting program that we hope to expand this year in the village. We are also looking into running a bingo event and to have live music playing during the Spring event. So, if you can help the church out with assisting in any of these important functions, please let the office know.

Church dinners as a fundraiser may be ending, as the cost of food is prohibitive to making money with only charging \$15.00. The church would have a hard time selling any dinners if the cost was set to \$25-\$30 per plate. This does not mean that church dinners won't happen anymore, they just won't happen as a stand - alone fundraiser.

Easter plans are all set, Palm Sunday service, Maundy Thursday service, Easter Sunrise with breakfast following and Easter services. Please invite all your friends and family to attend.

Blessings to all,

Carl F. Vitters, Moderator

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
NEW ZOOM ID & PASSWORD

Website zoom.us/join

To access Zoom meeting by Phone

Phone Number: 1 646 558 8656
(for audio only)

Meeting ID: 832 6656 0783

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May
Newsletter
Articles
Due



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



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By liking our page peo-





ple 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



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9 am AA Good Morning Group
2 10 AM Worship Sixth Sunday in Lent  6:30-7:30 pm AA Fire Pit	3 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take out only	4 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt 4pm Trustees Meeting	5	6 No Women's Bible Study  7 pm AA Big Book	7 No Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	8 9 am AA Good Morning Group
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Sunday, April 17th – Pulpit Supply

Scripture: TBA
Sermon: *TBA*

Sunday, April 24th – Easter 3

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: “*Like a Stranger Among Us*”

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19