

CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THE GOOD NEWS

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A Walk with God

‘When Jacob awoke... he thought,
“Surely God is in this place,
and I was unaware of it.’
Genesis 28:16



Would you like to set aside your everyday life and journey to revelations of faith? Perhaps you need “*A Walk with God*”. On *Saturday, August 19th* and *Sunday, August 20th*, we will be offering a journey to historic places, graveyards, and museums to discover the realities of Christian faith during times of great duress. *A Walk with God* will be studying the *Witch Hysteria of 1692* in Danvers and Salem Massachusetts. We will find ourselves rediscovering a time of hard work, thatched houses, indentured servants, and simple pleasures, an age when people believed evil was present, well defined, and concrete in nature. Would you like to discover an age of great deeds (*and great greed!*) when religious belief was considered paramount to survival?

Our Biblical faith begins, (*in the Hebrew Scriptures*), with Abram and Sarai leaving their home in Ur and venturing into unknown territory to discover God’s lessons for them. The Biblical story continues as Moses takes people into the wilderness as a pilgrim people to discover the unique revelations God has for them. The Christian faith is a faith of movement, of journeying, of seeking God’s presence in the darkest of times, so that the faithful can live out God’s revelations in a vital way. Jesus was constantly on a journey of faith to bring hope to the faithful in the hardest of times, bringing light to the darkest moments.

*Are we living in such a time of darkness?
Are we in need of God’s revelations
more than ever?*

Why not take the time to take “*A Walk with God*” by journeying through history to a time of darkness when the truth of true faith is vividly realized? Why not visit original homesteads, the remains of a parsonage, churches, graveyards, and memorials dedicated to giving perspective to the Witch Hysteria of 1692?

*Why not seek the lessons of the past,
the Time-tested Spiritual Knowledge,
that we need for our lives today.*

Sign-up sheets for the journey, with specific costs and details of the event, will be available Sunday at worship. We look forward to discovering God’s presence in historic places so we, like Jacob, may say “*Surely God is in this place, and I was unaware of it.*”

Rev. John Hughes

July 2023

TRUSTEES' MESSAGE

On the horizon at the Brown Church

July and the celebration of our nation's birthday bring with it hot summer days, warm summer nights, and summer traffic. We enjoy our summers in the valley, and all the outdoor activities they offer. Although, I know I find myself, particularly when sitting in traffic, looking forward to Fall when the air is clear and crisp and the traffic, like the mosquitos subside.

Autumn is the season for Leaf Peepers and Fair Goers. Here at the Brown Church Fall also means Apple Crisp season. Our **Apple Crisp** booth at the **Fryeburg Fair** is by far the largest fundraiser for our church, contributing approximately 20-25% of the church's overall annual budget. Put simply, our church would likely fail to operate without this revenue source. The fair also is our biggest outlay of cash in purchasing the ingredients. We are grateful for the businesses that provide us significant discounts to subsidize our costs for supplies for our Famous Apple Crisp. Here's where you come in. Apple Crisp production requires by far the most volunteers and volunteer hours comprising of 250 volunteer time slots totaling over 900 volunteer hours to make and sell 500 pans of Apple Crisp. This year the Fryeburg Fair dates are October 1st – 8th. Apple peeling and baking prep will likely begin



Monday or Tuesday September 25th or 26th. So please mark your calendars **September 25th through October 8th**. We will need as many hands-on deck as possible. Invite your friends to join in the fun at the church peeling apples in the morning or the evening or to serve the crisp in the booth with you. We encourage anyone (and everyone) to volunteer.

A new event this year will be the combination of a traditional event this church held for many years, the Holiday Fair, with an event that we first introduced last year, the Tree Lighting & Caroling event.

A Hometown Christmas Fair & Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 2nd. The date coincides with the start of Advent on the following day, Sunday, December 3rd. Instead of the three-day fair that we used to hold the weekend before Thanksgiving, we will have a one-day Fair. At the fair, we will sell baked goods, greenery/balsam swags, quilted and wood crafts, and stocking stuffers. We will have a Pick-A-Prize auction like we had at the Spring event. Santa will visit so parents can bring their children for pictures with Santa. We will serve our traditional Hot Turkey Sandwich Luncheon. The event will be capped off by the tree lighting and caroling in front of the church and hot cocoa in the final hours of the fair. Some segments of this event are still in the concept phase and the details will be worked out in the coming months. We will be reaching out to businesses for donations for the pick-a-prize. We hope to feature the local Conway Village businesses and organizations and make this event truly a Village wide event as indicated in the name "Hometown Christmas".



CVCC Board of Trustees

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 &/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



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 support!

CVCC Food Pantry News



Paul & Sylvia Weld have announced that they will be stepping back as Food Pantry Coordinators the end of this year. They will continue to cover the 2nd & 4th weeks of each month. We are looking for volunteers to cover the 1st and 3rd weeks including food



pickups. If you are interested or would like some additional information please contact Paul or Sylvia either call or email the church. Thank you for helping us help those in need!

Paul & Sylvia Weld, Food Pantry Coordinators



*Whoever is generous to the poor
lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his deed.*

CVCC Food Pantry By Appointment Only

Tuesdays, 8:30-12 pm

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

603-447-3851

Callforappointmentormoreinformation.

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 ~ June 2023 <i>(Excludes June 27)</i>							
January ~ June 2022	207	466	19,572	201	90	39	26

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIACONATE

So many changes . . . the weather, the world, the United States, New England, New Hampshire, Mount Washington Valley, our towns, our church, our families.

Like it or not, life is all about change. We never know what tomorrow might have in store.

What we do know is that God will always be there for us, celebrating our joy and comforting us with our losses and providing us with the strength we need.

Beth Campbell

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted."

ECCLESIASTES 3:1



Diaconate

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

*Deaconess
of the Month*
Judy Workman

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.



The Importance of Walking

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I joined a health club last year, spent about \$400. I haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, she looks good doesn't she.'

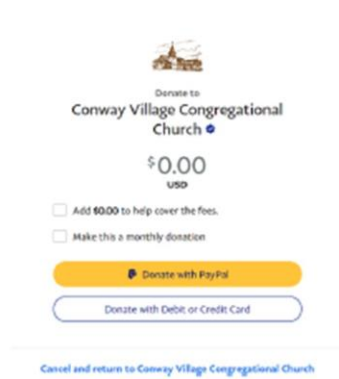
I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years, just getting over the hill.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country!

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or email us at
info@thebrownchurch.org
to sign up for our email
mailing list. Let us know
which types of emails you
are interested in, weekly
worship, monthly newslet-
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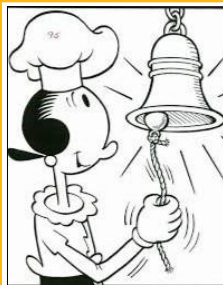
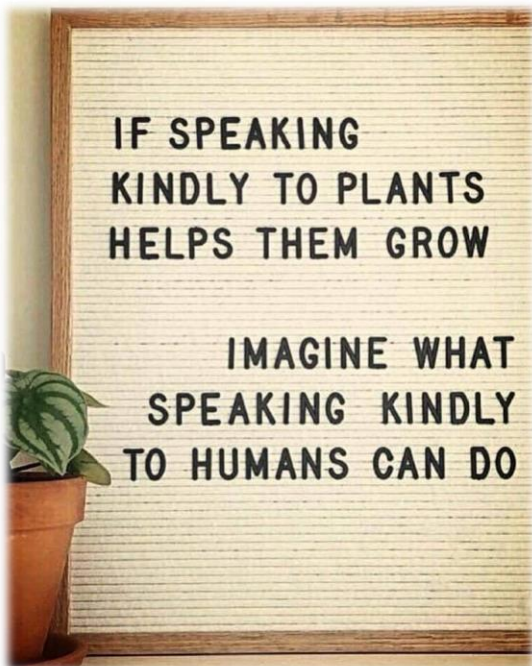
To contact the web/tech
team email
cvcwebteam@gmail.com

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.



The Dinner Bell
Fresh Homestyle Meal
Everyone is Welcome!!

NEW SUMMER HOURS!
Mondays 5 - 6 pm

Call the Church office on Mondays
for that days menu!
603-447-3851

Free Community Dinner



Take Out Only!

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

June Worship Service

Date	In Church	On Zoom	Children	Special Day/Sermon Title
6/4	37	~	2	Communion & Membership Sunday <i>"The Start of an Idea"</i>
6/11	32	15	~	<i>"The Greatest Gift You Can Give"</i>
6/18				<i>"How to Balance a Life"</i>
6/25				<i>"Wanted ... Dead or Alive!"</i>

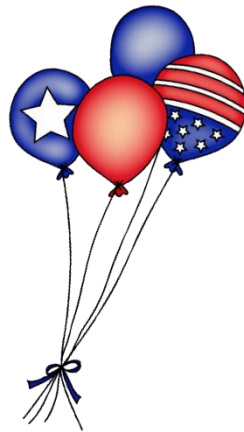
Prayer Requests



- † Cathy Currier
- † Colleen Albert
- † Elise Keeney Edgerton
- † Linda Frechette
- † Alice Spear
- † Jill & Curt Reynolds
- † Tom Steele
- † Nicole Rabideau & Family
- † Carol Baribeau
- † Sandy Stowell, Lisa Horne & Family
- † Cory Smith
- † Mark Weld
- † Debbie Kelly
- † Sanphy Family
- † Greg Turgeon
- † Lori Dorey
- † Russ Hunter & Family
- † Charlie
- † Ruth Proctor
- † Paula Burgess
- † Sarah Weber
- † Family of Alice Clapp

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Wishing everyone a Happy Birthday!



- 7/5 **Joan Mathurin**
- 7/12 **Josh Wiggin**
- 7/12 **Leah Twombly**
- 7/20 **Sam Getchell**
- 7/25 **Audrey Young**

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

7/2	Nancy Irving
7/9	Nancy Divine
7/16	Duddie Andrews
7/23	John Edgerton
7/30	Anne Getchell

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

Council Connections

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It was nice to have a month that had good financial reports. Thanks to the Spring Event, which raised roughly \$1,800.00 more than what we budgeted, for a best ever Spring Event fundraiser of \$6,800.00, the monthly income for the month of May was \$18,297.22. This is a welcome help to our deficit budget, but we still have a long way to go. We also have some unbudgeted repairs that we have to do. We are still in the process of getting prices, but we will launch a special appeal at the special called meeting of the congregation on July 16th.

Even though we haven't officially gotten to summer yet, the Council is already prepping for the Fryeburg Fair. We have heard reports that the apple crop in NH may have been damaged by the late freezes we had. This may cause us to find our apples from some different vendors this year. It is still early to tell, but I will be calling around to see who was hit by the freezes and who wasn't. In any event, I'm sure the price of apples will go up. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and requires a lot of help from everyone. Please keep the last week of September and the first week of October open on your calendars to be ready to help where needed.

The Council discussed the needs for the sanctuary in regard to the Zoom platform and other needs in the church that have been lingering around for a while. Steve Graustein clarified some of the things. The new phone system is waiting on a new wire that needs to be run from the outside phone box to the control room downstairs. Steve and I will do this on Wednesday the 21st. This will enable the church to finally switch the phone lines from Spectrum to Consolidated. The new wire will allow the fire alarm system to be on the Consolidated lines with new phone numbers. Then the new phones can be installed in the church and this should resolve the few problems people have had with calling in and trying to leave messages or get information. Steve also reported that he found new speakers that have amplifiers inside the speakers that will work with our IT set-up. This will save having to buy a new amplifier which was one of the problems. Many things that we need are still at the mercy of the supply chains, but we are working as fast as we can to get the equipment that we need to provide the best worship experience. Paul Weld and I will be working on two projects. The new sign for the church just needs the lettering put on and some repair work on the posts. The second project that we will try to accomplish before July is the platform for the second television in the sanctuary.

The Council was notified from Paul & Sylvia Weld that they were going to be backing off from being in charge of the Food Pantry come January. The Council thanked them for the over 20 years of dedicated service to the Food Pantry and as the Council gets a list of guidelines on how to run the Food Pantry, we will be looking for a few volunteers to take over sections of what it takes to run the Food Pantry. These areas include inventory and food ordering, food pick-up and stocking, running reports and checkbook operations. So, if you find yourself with nothing to do, the church has many options available to occupy your time.

October 1 - October 8, 2023



Save the date!

Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 12,
4:30 PM

Blessings to all, Carl F.

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."

~Women's Bible Study ~

Thursdays
9:30 am

BIBLE STUDY

~ Men's Bible Study ~

Fridays
9:00am

Conference Room &/or Sanctuary

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

Let's Dig In together

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United Church of Christ

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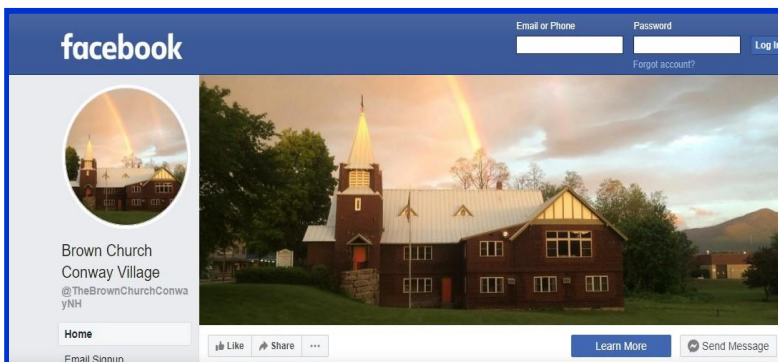


August Newsletter Articles Due By



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 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



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		6/27 4 PM Trustees Meeting	6/28 11 AM Diaconate Meeting	6/29 <u>Office Closed</u>	6/30 <u>Office Closed</u>	1 9 am AA Good Morning Group
2 10 AM Worship	3 NO Dinner Bell Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt <u>Office Closed</u>	4  <u>Office Closed</u>	5	6 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7 pm AA Big Book	7 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	8 9 am AA Good Morning Group
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July 2023 Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 2nd – communion

Psalm 86:11-17

Scripture: Isaiah 44:5-8

Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon: "**Whoever Receives You**"

Sunday, July 9th

Psalm 45:10-17

Scripture: Genesis 24:42-46

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon: "**Take my Yoke and Learn from Me**"

Sunday, July 16th

Psalm 119:105-112

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: "**Be a Sower of Seeds**"

Sunday, July 23rd

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon: "**Surely God is in this Place**"

Sunday, July 30th –

Scripture: TBD

Sermon: TBD

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!

