



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THE GOOD NEWS

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Making Crisp Decisions

Recently a call came in from Amy Mahoney. "**Will you be starting up Halloween Town again?**", I asked. **The Laura Foundation for Autism & Epilepsy** has benefited from the fundraiser, **Halloween Town**, the decoration of 25 cabins, (*both scary and funny*), for local families and their children. *The Brown Church* has always supported the event by selling Apple Crisp and donating the proceeds. The event is especially important to families who live on dark and remote roads where trick and treating cannot be done safely. It was a source of fundraising for 11 years before the Covid-19 Pandemic cancelled it, in 2020.

Amy said **Halloween Town**, was restarting *Saturday, October 21st from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.* "**This year**", Amy explained, "**the event is critically important because my other yearly fundraiser, Pond Hockey, had to be cancelled because the month of January was so warm, and the ice was unsafe. The Laura Foundation is in dire need of funds!**"



A quick call was made to Carl Vitters to make sure our **Fryeburg Fair** needs will be met, and that extra apples could be available for Amy's needs. Apples are expected to be in short supply (*and perhaps elevated in price*), due to unexpected Springtime frost which blighted orchards in New England. Carl confirmed our church will have an ample supply to support both events. A return call to Amy allowed a "**Crisp Decision**" to be made. Later it was learned that the refrigerator unit in the Apple Crisp trailer will need to be replaced, so it has been included in the **Trustees Appeal**. "**Churches run on prayers and generosity**", my seminary professor used to say, "**churches are always in need of both.**" (*No truer words were ever uttered!*)

Please join me in supporting our church and neighbors in need, through your prayers, volunteering, and generosity.

Rev. John G. Hughes

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
- Tide Laundry Detergent – small size
- Large Laundry Detergent
- Hand Soap - Dial 2 or 3 pk bars



Outreach Committee

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

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!

Thank you for your donations!

CVCC Food Pantry 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.

*Feed the hungry, and help
those in trouble. Then your
light will shine out from the
darkness, and the darkness
around you will be as bright
as noon.*

Isaiah 58:10

Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Tuesday, August 15th, 12pm

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who make the CVCC Pantry a success! We couldn't help those in need without your time and support.

Thank you to all!
Paul & Sylvia
Weld

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Food Pantry Statistics

MONTH	Households	People Served	Meals Given	Over 60	Under 18	Walk Ins	New Households
January - July 2023 <i>Excludes July 25th</i>	234	468	27,912	221	60	51	27
January ~ July 2022	236	522	21,924	233	95	45	27

TRUSTEES' MESSAGE



Let's hope we see more sun in August!!!

**Whoever has been praying for rain
(or rain dancing) lately,
you can take a break now!**

The church had a mid-year meeting after the service on July 16th. Thank you to the 30 attendees either in the sanctuary or on zoom. It is important to keep the congregation up to date on the church's finances. We appreciate all and any feedback. We thank all those who are keeping current with their pledges.

As explained, the church is challenged to make ends meet. The Trustee appeals help us take care of unbudgeted, unplanned expenses.

Fundraisers help to fill the cash flow gaps, but take a lot of time and energy from the volunteer base we have at the Brown Church. The most important fundraiser of the year is the Fryeburg Fair.

While it is not until the first week of October, the planning and organizing has already begun. Securing the apple order from an orchard and buying the dry goods and all supplies happens now.

We need you all to be thinking about volunteering for the fair prep and working in the booth. A volunteer list will soon be available in Fellowship Hall and in the office. If you need more information on what the tasks are, you can ask a trustee. Please look it over and if you can commit now, it helps with the planning.

You may not know that the preparation and baking of the 480 pans of crisp is typically done by 4 or 5 individuals. They spend many hours on their feet! If you would like to help them this year, check with Nancy Divine.

Enjoy the summer weather!!!

Anne Getchell

TRUSTEE'S MEETING

Tuesday, August 1st, 4PM

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

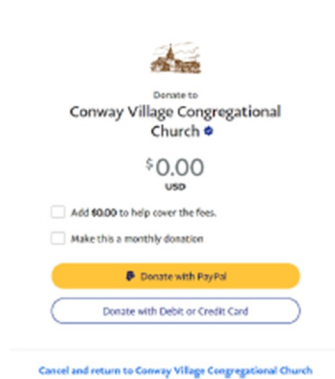
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

8/6	Nancy Irving
8/13	Nancy Divine
8/20	Nancy Irving
8/27	John Edgerton

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

To contact the web/tech team email cvccwebteam@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.

Church Humor

Adam & Eve, the first people to NOT read the apple terms & conditions.

Tweet others as you would like to be Tweeted.

There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.

Are you hot? Come inside, we're prayer conditioned.



**The Dinner Bell
Fresh Homestyle Meal
Everyone is Welcome!!**

**SUMMER HOURS!
Mondays 5 - 6 pm**

Call the Church office on Mondays for that days menu! **Free Community Dinner**
603-447-3851



Take Out Only!

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

From the Deacon's Bench

We have heard the song "Bring the Rain" by Mercy Me many times but have we thought of what that song is saying to us. The first line of the song is asking how can we praise God with what we are going through. Well that's easy one for me to answer because without God by my side through everything I have been through, I would have been a total wreck. It's a profound thought because it can be challenging to find gratitude and praise when we're going through trials. He is always there for us even when don't think he is. The song also talks about how life has changed before these rainy days. While the lyrics may not be literally referring to rainy days, they serve as a metaphor for the hardships and changes we encounter throughout life. The storms we face can be physical, emotional, or spiritual. Regardless of the nature of these challenges, the song suggests that God is our shelter and protector, providing safety and peace even in the midst of chaos.

During the tornado watch on Sunday, I had a sense of security and peace which illustrates the trust and faith we have in God's protection. This is a beautiful testament to the belief that God is always present, even when we may not perceive His presence immediately.

The song, in its essence, encourages us to turn to God in all circumstances and find hope in His unchanging love. May your faith continue to bring you strength and comfort, and may you always find solace in God's presence. Here is the link to the YouTube channel to listen to the song.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtjxCx-7Hps&list=RDJtjxCx-7Hps&start_radio=1

Written by Dawn Vitters, assisted by (AI-ChatGPT)

Diaconate

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



*Deaconess
of the Month*
Beth Campbell

Diaconate Meeting
August 2, 10 AM



Join Us For Coffee Fellowship Following Sunday Morning Worship Services

Fellowship time is a great support time. It is wonderful to be able to chat with each other and keep up with what is happening in our busy lives. 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. Thank you.

July Worship Service

Date	In Church	On Zoom	Children	Special Day/Sermon Title
7/2	32	18	2	Communion Sunday "Whoever Gives Water ..."
7/9	29	16	0	"Take My Yoke and Learn"
7/16	28	21	0	"Be a Sower of Seeds"
7/23	32	15	0	"Surely God is Here!"
7/30				"How well are you praying?"

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
- † Charlyne Gray
- † Anthony
- † Alexandra Tiresta

August Birthdays! Happy Birthday All!

- Nancy Divine
- Bob Howe
- Colleen Albert
- Duddie Andrews
- Bob DiPace
- Cynthia Saxby
- Deb Knapp
- Melody Bergman
- Joyce Hahn
- Elwood McIlarky Sr.
- Cheryl Cole



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

We have made it to the half-way point in the budget year. We have had to draw some funds from the endowment to cover expenses. To date we have drawn \$17,000 from the endowment. This isn't great, but it's a big improvement considering that we are half-way through a \$60,000.00 deficit budget.

That said, we have some unbudgeted repairs and purchases that need to be paid for this year. The Trustee Appeal is asking for the following items: **First and foremost** is a new two-door cooler for the fair. We are looking around for best prices, but the price range looks to be \$2,400 - \$3,000. **Second**, the temporary roof repair that I applied to the valley in the roof over 12 years ago is beginning to fail. We are gathering prices from some roofing companies. We can't even guess what this would cost and whether or not any roofer will be willing to do a repair to a repair. **Third**, the large classroom downstairs which has an old tile floor is breaking apart. Removing the tiles would be costly. So we are proposing to get carpet that can be glued down over the tiles. We are getting estimates from a few local companies, but the price range is \$2,800 - \$3,500 depending on the type of carpet used. **Fourth** on the list is some electrical work that is needed at the parsonage. The estimate for this work is \$3,500.

The Trustee Appeal is for a minimum of \$10,000. Even though this was not brought up at the semi-annual meeting on July 16th, the Deaconate has expended a lot of money on things in the sanctuary. The latest cost being a nearly \$3,000 bill for new electrical wiring so that the church could finally get it's occupancy license renewed.

I know things are tight in everyone's personal budgets these days, and the church is simply asking you to help out in any way you can. With the Fryeburg Fair fast approaching, we will need your volunteer services to get us through to the end of the year. Next year's budget will most likely be one of the hardest budgets to propose. Unless we can increase the pledging numbers of members, there will be some difficult decisions that will have to be made. The path that we are now finding ourselves on is not sustainable.

On a happier note, we are knee-deep in Fryeburg Fair preparations and we are really excited about the Tree Lighting/Holiday Fair event in December. We are looking forward to growing this event and the local businesses are eager to help participate. I am already scouting out another tree that I can cut for in front of the church.

Curt Reynolds and I will be covering for Rev. Hughes while he is away. Curt will be doing two services and I will be doing two services. We look forward to bringing you the good news of Christ from a Lay Minister's point of view. We hope that you will come out and give your support to us. During Covid, I know what it felt like to preach in an empty sanctuary. The word really comes to life, and you can really feel the spirit when two or more are present.

Blessings to all, Carl F. Vitters, Moderator

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 4:30 PM



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."

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Moderator
Carl Vitters

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Melody Bergman

~Women's Bible Study ~

~ Men's Bible Study ~

See you in
September!

Fridays, 9:00am

BIBLE STUDY

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@thebrowchurch.org

Let's Dig In together



September
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
Friday	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

August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Prayer Partner Dinner Postponed</p> <p>The Prayer Partner Dinner scheduled for July 30th has been postponed. A new date has not yet been determined. Please watch our online notices & newsletter for further information.</p>		<p>1 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt</p> <p>4 PM Trustees</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 AM Diaconate</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 pm AA Big Book</p>	<p>4 9 am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>5 9 am AA Good Morning Group</p>
<p>6 10 AM Worship Pulpit Supple Carl Vitters</p>	<p>7 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out Only</p>	<p>8 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 pm AA Big Book</p>	<p>11 9 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>12 9 am AA Good Morning Group</p>
<p>13 10 AM Worship Pulpit Supply Carl Vitters</p>	<p>14 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out Only</p>	<p>15 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt</p> <p>12pm Food Pantry Volunteer Luncheon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:30 Council</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 pm AA Big Book</p>	<p>18 9 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>19 9 am AA Good Morning Group</p>
<p>20 10 AM Worship Pulpit Supply Curt Reynolds</p> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">  <p>Newsletter Articles Deadline Today!</p> </div>	<p>21 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out Only</p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>22 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt</p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 pm AA Big Book</p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>25 9 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>26 9 am AA Good Morning Group</p>
<p>27 10 AM Worship</p>	<p>24 Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out Only</p>	<p>29 Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7 pm AA Big Book</p>		



Sunday, August 6th – *Carl Vitters, preacher*

Scripture: TBA

Sermon: TBA

Sunday, August 13th – *Carl Vitters, preacher*

Scripture: TBA

Sermon: TBA

Sunday, August 20th – *Kurt Reynolds, preacher*

Psalm 133

Scripture: Romans 11:1-2a & 29-32, Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

Sermon: ***“Our Mission Has No Boundaries”***

Sunday, August 27th – *Sacrament of Baptism*

Psalm 138:1-8

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-20

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: ***“Recognizing Spiritual Things”***

A message from the Diaconate: We are pleased to announce a guest musician, Katherine Rhoda will play multiple instruments for the **July 30th worship service**. All music will be performed live on multiple instruments. The sound quality of the music may not translate well over zoom. If you typically worship via zoom and are able to attend church, we recommend you try to attend worship in person for this service.



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!

