



# CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## THE GOOD NEWS

October 2023



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### Conway Village Church *The Brown Church*

132 Main St Conway, NH 03818 603-447-3851

Visit our booth at the Fryeburg fair

## Apple Crisp

Baked fresh with local ingredients

Your patronage supports our local community outreach





## 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



### **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!

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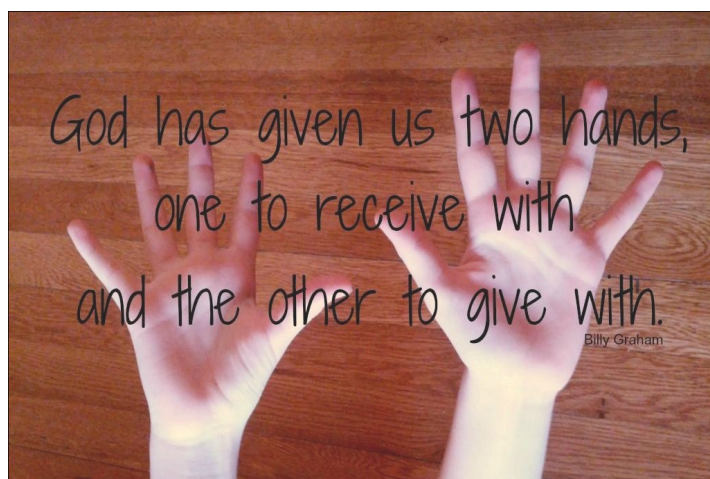
### **CVCC Food Pantry** **By Appointment Only**

Tuesdays, 8:30-12 pm

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

603-447-3851

Call for appointment or for more information.



### **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	206	408	22,512	194	53	48	27
July - September 2023 <i>Excludes September 26th</i>	98	206	18,540	93	27	15	10
<b>Total January - September 2023</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>41,052</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>37</b>
January - June 2022	207	466	19,572	201	90	39	26
July - September 2022	98	203	8,526	102	29	20	8
<b>Total January - September 2022</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>28,098</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>34</b>

## Outreach Committee

On October 15, Outreach Sunday, the Outreach Committee will be having Sarah Davis from Davis Natural Produce of Conway. Sarah brings fresh produce during the summer to the Pantry which are given out to our clients. Sarah and her husband, Jake, run the farm. The Farm is located off the Kancamagus Highway, behind the Forestry Service office. They have an awesome website as well! Check it out ~ [www.davisnaturalproduce.com](http://www.davisnaturalproduce.com).

**The Outreach Committee will also be hosting coffee fellowship that Sunday.**

The Food Pantry is also working with Cory Dowe from Conway Middle School. Her class is interested in the many aspects of how the pantry works. We will be sharing with them where we get our food, how the clients receive their food, and how the pantry is managed. We have worked with Corey and her class in the past. The last time was before Covid and the class made awesome homemade bread for our pantry!



Happy Fall !

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



**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!**



**October 29, 2023 Stewardship Sunday**  
**STEWARDSHIP**

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE





## TRUSTEES' MESSAGE

When we think October here at the Brown Church, we think the Fryeburg Fair. As noted last month, this is our biggest fundraiser. The more money we can make, the less we have to rely on other resources throughout the year to balance the budget.

We are still in need of volunteers in the booth and especially prepping apples for baking. You do not have to be a member of the church!!! What is needed to prep? We have one person running the big peeler which cores and peels the apples. A number of tables are set up for individuals to cut/slice the apples. This makes them ready for the bakers.

Apples will arrive Tuesday the 26th and we will start processing the apples that afternoon. This is the status of the sign ups:

### Apple Prepping coverage

Day shifts 8:30 - noon, Evening shifts 4:30- 7:00 (or whatever you can do).

Tuesday, Sept. 26th PM shift need 2

Wednesday, Sept. 27th AM shift need 1

Wednesday, Sept. 27th PM shift need 5

Thursday, Sept. 28th AM shift need 2

Thursday, Sept. 28th PM shift need 5

Friday, Sept. 29th PM shift need 5

Monday, Oct. 2nd AM shift need 2

Monday, Oct 2nd PM shift need 4

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd AM shift need 3 need peeler

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd PM shift need 5

Wednesday, Oct. 4th AM shift need 3

Wednesday, Oct. 4th PM shift need 5 need peeler

Thursday, Oct. 5th AM shift need 4 need peeler

Thursday, Oct. 5th PM shift need 5 need peeler

### Booth coverage

Starts Sunday October 1st. Day shift 11-4pm, night shift 4pm-9.

Sunday Oct 1st Day shift need 2

Monday Oct 2nd Day shift need 2

Wednesday Oct 4th PM shift need 1 + 1 Lead person

Thursday Oct 5th Day shift we need 3 + 1 Lead person

Friday Oct 6th Day shift need 1

Here is the link to the online sign-up form

<https://volunteersignup.org/JMQLL>

or you can sign up at the church  
at 603-447-3851.

### TRUSTEE'S MEETING

Tuesday, October  
10, 4:30pm

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



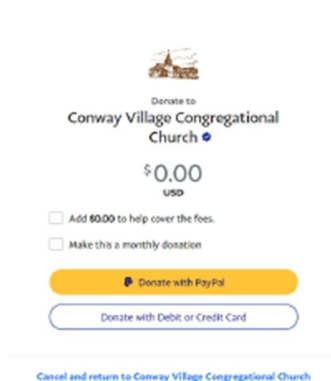
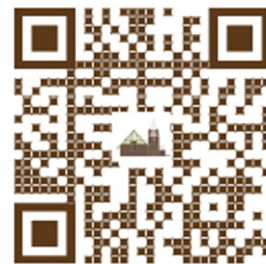
### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

October 1	John Edgerton
October 8	Anne Getchell
October 15	Nancy Irving
October 23	Nancy Divine
October 29	Duddie Andrews

Please visit our website  
or email us at  
[info@thebrownchurch.org](mailto: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-  
ters, special events & volun-  
teer opportunities,  
website:  
**[thebrownchurch.org](http://thebrownchurch.org)**

To contact the web/tech  
team email  
[cvccwebteam@gmail.com](mailto: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 (Messages from Other Churches)

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Why pay for GPS? Jesus gives directions for free!

Need a lifeguard? Ours walks on water.

Under the same management for over 2,000 years.



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

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

Call the Church office on Mondays **Free Community Dinner**  
for that days menu!  
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

I write 2-3 pieces a year for the deacon's message in the newsletter. To tell the truth, it's not always easy to find a relevant and meaningful message. As the deadline loomed this week, I was updating my 10 year old phone today. True! I had my old cell phone since 2013...she was old, and it was time.

I entered the "maybe Horizon" store with a little more than apprehension. I was clueless. And as I sat in front of an employee with a two week employment history (I literally asked her how long she'd been doing this kind of work) I knew I had found my subject.

I **knew** I was going to "need the patience of Job" to get through this transfer. After all, don't we all have precious information on our phones we don't want to lose or have to recreate? As she tried to reassure me of the transfer of information from old phone to new phone, I was skeptical. It was, in my mind, going to be painful. **It was...**A 3-hour tour. (Poor Gilligan)

As I sat there watching a newbie try to navigate this process, I was honestly praying...for patience. I thought about the lesson in the story of Job. Amazingly, Job didn't question God's goodness or say anything sinful. Instead, he accepted the fact that God sometimes allows us to suffer. If suffering enters your life, trust that it can help you in some way. I was suffering through for sure. I was miserable.

It's okay to cry out to the Lord when you are suffering. Thankfully, I cried out silently and did not make a huge scene in the cell phone store! Truth? I have a new phone and am thankful for it, as well as the reminder from Job. We all feel pressures and worry about holding ourselves together. Trust that your suffering is a teacher. I was reminded today, again, that patience is a virtue.

Is my new phone completely perfect? No. But God's love and patience is...and sometimes it takes an unexpected reminder for us to remember that.

Wishing you all a spectacular autumn,

Louise Saxby

When you are tempted to lose patience with someone, think about how patient God has been with you.



### *Diaconate*

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

*Deaconess of the Month*  
*Louise Saxby*

*Diaconate Meeting*  
*October 31, 2023 4pm*



### **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.



## September Worship Service

Date	In Church	On Zoom	Children	Special Day/Sermon Title
9/3	28	10	0	<b>"Going to See ..."</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i>
9/10	30	15	1	<b>"Eat in Haste!"</b>
9/17	26	12	0	<b>"Forgiveness, the Hard Truth"</b> <i>Worship Leader is Carl Vitters</i>
9/24				<b>"The Injustice of It All!"</b> <i>Celebration of Baptism</i>

### To add someone to the Prayer List

Please call 603-447-3851 or email us at  
[info@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org)  
 Also, please provide the person's mailing  
 address so we may send cards. Thank you

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

-  **Richard Quint**
-  **Jane Galloway**
-  **Keira Isabell McGove**
-  **Cindy Thibodeau**
-  **Mitzi Fitch**
-  **Dr. Christopher Getchell**
-  **Emily McLlarky**
-  **Linda Frechette**
-  **Carl Vitters**
-  **Liza Graustein**
-  **Charlyne Gray**
-  **Gabriel Necochea**



## Prayer Requests



- † Cathy Currier
- † Colleen Albert
- † Elise Keeney Edgerton
- † Linda Frechette
- † Alice Spear
- † Jill & Curt Reynolds
- † Tom Steele
- † Carol Baribeau
- † Sandy Stowell, Lisa Horne & Family
- † Mark Weld
- † Debbie Kelly
- † Greg Turgeon
- † Russ Hunter & Family
- † Paula Burgess
- † Alexandra Tiresta
- † The Philippine People & the Philippines
- † Bonnie Kimball
- † Pat (Gahagen) Goetzinger
- † Erin
- † Roy Andrews
- † Suzanne & Eddie
- † Misty
- † Corey & Family
- † Marcia Dolley and Family

## December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Themed Fundraiser Event

Mark your calendar and tell your friends ~

For many years, the Conway Village Congregational Church held a multiday Holiday Fair in November, the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. We have not held this fair since 2019. Yet, it has been another casualty of the Covid-19 epidemic. Last year we held a Christmas Tree Lighting, Caroling and Hot Cocoa event which was well received.



This year we are combining parts of each of these events into a one-day Hometown Christmas Fair and Tree Lighting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. At the fair, we will be selling sewn craft and wood craft items, Christmas greens, and baked goods. There will be a Pick-A-Prize Auction with prizes from local businesses or donated prizes from our church family & friends. A hot turkey sandwich lunch will be served 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Santa will arrive at 5:00 PM and lead us in Christmas carols and lighting the large Christmas tree in front of the church. We will then return to Fellowship Hall for hot cocoa and an area will be set up for children or family pictures with Santa. We will pick the winning tickets for the Pick-A-Prize Auction at around 6:00 PM.

We will be contacting local businesses to request donations for our Pick-a-prize auction. If you are able to obtain prizes for the auction, we would appreciate your contributions to the auction. Please contact Dawn Vitters or Nancy Irving if you are able to donate a prize for the auction. You can reach us via email to [cvccwebteam@gmail.com](mailto:cvccwebteam@gmail.com) or call the church and leave a message with Melody in the church office.

**SAVE  
THE DATES!**

### Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th  
4:30 PM



**October 1 - 8, 2023**  
Join in the fun!



## 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, 9:30am

women's  
BIBLE STUDY

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

MEN'S  
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@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:info@thebrownchurch.org)

## Conway Village Congregational Church

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### Website

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**Rev. John G. Hughes  
Minister**

**Moderator  
Carl Vitters**

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

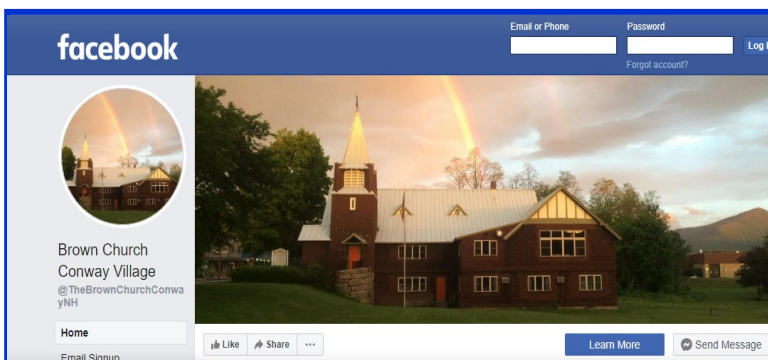


November  
Newsletter  
Articles  
Due By



### 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 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



# October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10 AM Worship	<b>2</b> No Dinner Bell	<b>3</b> Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 pm AA Big Book	<b>6</b> <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>7</b> 9 am AA Good Morning Group
 <b>See You at the Fryeburg Fair !!!</b> 						
<b>8</b> 10 AM Worship Special Guest Musician Katherine Rhoda	<b>9</b> No Dinner Bell	<b>10</b> Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt  4:30pm Trustees	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study  7 pm AA Big Book	<b>13</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study	<b>14</b> 9 am AA Good Morning Group
 <b>Last Chance for Crisp!</b>						
<b>15</b> 10 AM Worship  <b>OUTREACH SUNDAY</b>	<b>16</b> Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out Only	<b>17</b> Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt	<b>18</b>  4:30 Council Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study  7 pm AA Big Book	<b>20</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>21</b> 9 am AA Good Morning Group
<b>22</b> 10 AM Worship  <b>Deadline Today!</b>	<b>23</b> Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out Only	<b>24</b> Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Stud 7 pm AA Big Book	<b>27</b> 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>28</b> 9 am AA Good Morning Group
<b>29</b> 10 AM Worship  <b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b> <small>SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE</small>	<b>30</b> Dinner Bell 5-6 pm Take out Only	<b>31</b> Food Pantry 8:30-12 pm By Appt  4PM Diaconate				





**“LORD, OUR LORD,**  
HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!”  
- PSALM 8:9 -

## *October 2023 Worship Schedule*

### **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Communion

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7 or Ezekiel 18:1-4  
Philippeans 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon:

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 or Psalm 25:1-9

### **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 or Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippeans 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon:

Psalm 19 or Psalm 80:7-15

### **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14 or Isaiah 25:1-9  
Philippeans 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon:

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 or Psalm 23

### **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23 or Isaiah 45:1-7  
Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon:

Psalm 99 or Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

### **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 or Levi 19:1-2, 15-18  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon:

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 or Psalm

## The Little Girl of Long Ago

The Little girl is beautiful, her father's pride and joy,  
Neer did she realize his prayer was for a boy.  
Someone with which to hunt and fish in every kind of weather,  
Catch frogs and bugs and wrestle with, spend precious time together.

As years go by this Little girl grows lovelier each day,  
Her father's pride and happiness was etched upon his face.  
How blissful was their bonding as time passed by so fast,  
He cheered for her at all her sports and at her ballet class.

She's now sixteen, a lady fair, and boys are all the scene,  
They come, they go, they vie, they grow and ever will they scheme.  
Each hoping he's the gallant prince who finally wins her heart,  
Her father's in the background now and tears begin to smart.

She's now a smiling, happy bride - this girl of long ago,  
Her father walks her down the aisle with love that overflows.  
He wishes her much happiness for many years to come.  
That this new man in her life gives his princess joy and love.

Two years sped by and now there's a healthy baby boy.  
His grand-dad holds him in his arms he's overcome with joy.  
This Little girl of long ago has made his life complete  
As he hides behind the sofa in a game of hide-and-seek.

Our children are our blessings rare,  
For a little time they're ours to share.

~ Mary Russo

A BABY IS A  
blessing  
A GIFT FROM  
heaven  
ABOVE.  
A PRECIOUS LITTLE  
angel  
TO  
cherish  
& TO  
love.