

CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS

April 2024



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Trustee's & Flood Update

Spring is here, but with a couple of feet of new snow on the ground. As a result of the storm, we were unable to have the Palm Sunday Service. It is always a tough call, especially since John, the Diaconate and Web team put so much time into preparing the services.

In March, the Trustees and Council continued discussing flood repairs. The crawlspace work is not done yet, the replacement of the soil is still to be done. The oil smell is still there. Cleaning out the food pantry and other parts of the church is ongoing; hard to do when it is cold inside. An application has been filed with FEMA, but it is a reimbursement program, so funds are not received until after repairs are completed.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the ***Special Meeting on April 21st***. The worship **service will start at 9:30**, and the meeting will follow immediately after the service.

At the Annual Meeting, you were all given a list of 6 options and a survey to return. We received 13 surveys back. Each of the 6 options have been looked into and we will provide the findings to you. A packet of information will be mailed to all members for you to review prior to the meeting.

This meeting is important, and your feedback is needed. Once an option is decided on, the Council can move forward in planning the next steps.

Ideally, as warmer weather comes, we hope to get the Food Pantry and Dinner Bell back up and running. Funds will need to be raised to get the water and plumbing work done, install a hot water heater and connect a propane tank.

We have some fundraising events that are still in the planning stages. These help get the word out to the community about the flood and help raise funds for the repairs.

- The first one is at the American Legion, a Fish Fry on April 19th from 4-7:00pm; this one is set.
- The second one is on June 9th at the Tuckerman Brewery 3-6pm with the Blue Grit Blues Band, still working out details.
- The next one is a joint yard sale with the Conway Historical Society on July 13th.

We are not having the Spring Event this year, so we hope to have more along with the yard sale as we have done in the past at the Spring event. Lastly, is the Fryeburg Fair which is a "must do". We are working on what needs to be done to the building to make that happen.

Trustee of the Week: 4/7: Duddie Andrews, 4/14 Nancy Divine, 4/21: Nancy Irving, 4/28: John Edgerton

Board of Trustees:

Anne Getchell, Nancy Divine, Duddie Andrews, John Edgerton, Nancy Irving, and Tom Workman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



- April 19th Conway American Legion Friday Fish Fry, \$2 per meal to the Flood Recovery Fund
- April 21st Special Meeting of the Conway Village Church - everyone is encouraged to attend.
- June 9th The Tuckerman Brewing Company Church fundraising event with live entertainment
- July 13th Yard Sale and more in conjunction with Robert Frost School Yard Sale Event

FRIDAY FISH FRY
APRIL 19TH

Benefiting: The Brown Church
Flood Recovery Fund



SERVED: 4-7 PM
ENTERTAINMENT 7-10 PM
DINNERS: FISH \$15 CHICKEN \$14

AMERICAN LEGION POST 46
47 TASKER HILL RD CONWAY NH



**TUCKERMAN
BREWING**

JUNE 9TH
3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
BLUE GRIT BLUES BAND
BENEFITS THE BROWN CHURCH
FLOOD RECOVERY FUND

66 HOBBS ST. CONWAY NH 03818
BEER@TUCKERMANBREWING.COM
603-447-5400



Conway Village Church
Flood Recovery

<https://gofund.me/1291c2eb>

Scan to donate





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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Dated: February 21, 2024

TO: All Members and Friends of the Conway Village Congregational Church

Change of Worship Service to begin at 9:30am

We have moved the service time to 9:30 am to provide sufficient time for both our worship service and our special meeting, while being mindful of the Majestic's schedule.

A Special Meeting of the Membership of the Conway Village Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, April 21, at approximately 10:30 am following the church service in person and via Zoom. As in the past the vote will be for members only and will be conducted by roll call. Please use the weekly link for the church service to participate in this vote if you are attending by Zoom.

The purpose of this Special Meeting will be:

To discuss the options for church.

To review changes to the By-laws.

To conduct any other business that may come to the floor of the meeting.

Dated at: Conway, New Hampshire, on the 21st of February 2024

Melody Bergman,
Administrative Assistant

March Worship Service

Date	In Church	On Zoom	Special Day/Sermon Title
Thank you Majestic Theatre			
3/3	30	14	<u>Communion Sunday • Third Sunday in Lent</u> "For What are You Looking?"
3/10			<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> Service Cancelled due to weather
3/17	29	12	<u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> "What Counts Spiritually?"
3/24			<u>Sixth Sunday in Lent</u> Service Cancelled due to weather
3/31			<u>Easter Sunday</u> "Who will Roll the Stone?"



Prayer Requests

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| † Cathy Currier | † Carol Baribeau |
| † Cynthia Saxby | † Sandy Stowell & Lisa Horne |
| † Alice Proctor | † Mark Weld |
| † Prudy Shackford | † Debbie Kelly |
| † Colleen Albert | † Greg Turgeon |
| † Elise Keeney Edgerton | † Russ Hunter & Family |
| † Linda Frechette | † Paula Burgess |
| † Alice Spear | † Alexandra Tiresta |
| † Curt Reynolds | † Bonnie Kimball |
| † Tom Steele | † Pat (Gahagen) Goetzinger |
| | † Suzanne & Eddie |
| | † Misty |
| | † Corey & Family |
| | † The People & Nation of Israel |
| | † Charlotte |
| | † Jean Hamilton & Family |
| | † John Saxby |
| | † Dana Saxby |

To add someone to the Prayer List

Please call 603-447-3851 or
Email info@thebrownchurch.org
Also, please provide the person's mailing address.
Thank you, Melody Bergman



- † Kristin Burnell
- † Laura Sorensen
- † Dana Jones
- † Lewis Busell
- † Bill Weiss
- † Megan Jones
- † Judy Workman
- † Ciarra McLarky
- † Anne Getchell
- † Suzanne Rancourt



From the Deacon's Bench

Looking Forward

Celebrating Easter, Christ's resurrection and victory over sin and death leads to new beginnings for us. As stated in the well-known scripture John 3:16: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This was accomplished nearly 2,000 years ago on a cross and in an empty tomb on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Thousands of people heard the story of Jesus from the many eyewitnesses of that first Holy Week and Easter morning. Lives have been changed and renewed from those Christ followers and those who followed after as they continued to share Jesus' story ever since. Hallelujah! What a Savior! He gives us the greatest gift of all: Love, Grace, Undeserved forgiveness, and Hope---new beginnings!

Spring brings new beginnings that we look forward to each year. Don't you just love to see the spring flowers pop up through the soil and bring bouquets of color and fragrance to the world! The tree's buds bring shades of lemony and lime green adding to the freshness of the spring air. Oh yes, we can't forget the tweeting sounds of the birds singing to each other! It's just glorious---another gift from the Father! God did Good! So, so good!

Another thing I'm looking forward to is welcoming Deb Arnold to the membership of our congregation here at the Brown Church. Deb first visited our church last August. She quickly became active in our church community, helping wherever she could. She's very active in the Women's Bible Study group and lends her interesting comments to our discussion. Most recently, she volunteered to join the music team in selecting music for our worship services. She will officially join our church family on April 14th.

Throughout the year, we look forward to having special time with our loved ones, like family reunions or with friends. We look forward to the change of seasons and enjoying the beauty of God's creation in our valley. Many of us look forward to the change of sports seasons, too!

Are you noticing a pattern here? God has gifted us with many blessings, one of which is new beginnings. Some of the change is around us. The important change is within us.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
2 Corinthians 5:17

How do we accept change? Are we 'a glass half empty' or 'a glass half full' kind of people? Do we live in God's will with the Hope that He has gifted us? Do we trust His Love and Grace? If so, are we looking forward to the April 21st Special Meeting following church to glimpse at God's plan for our new beginnings as the Brown Church? Are we praying for God's guidance and wisdom in our decisions? I have been asking myself these questions and asking these things in my prayers.

Trusting in God's wisdom and his faithfulness, I close with this promise:

"For I know the plans I Have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you Hope and a future.'"

Diaconate Next Meeting

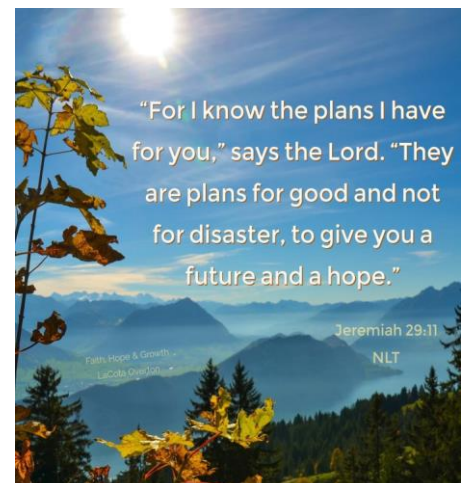
*Wednesday, April 3, 2024.
4:15 pm Judy's House*

Diaconate

*Co-Chairs - Louise Saxby &
Judy Workman;
Secretary - Beth Campbell,
Treasurer - vacant*

Deaconess of the Month

Judy Workman

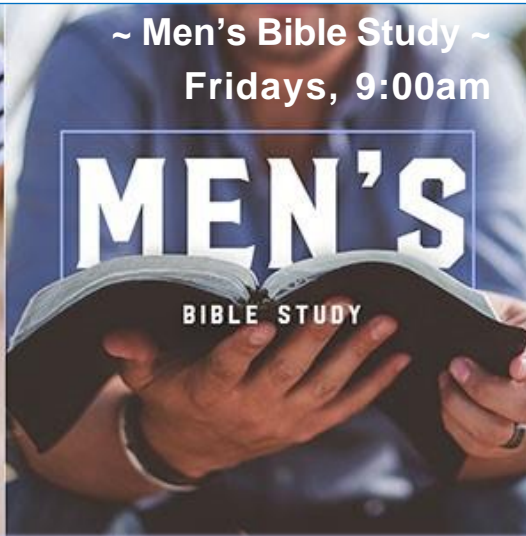
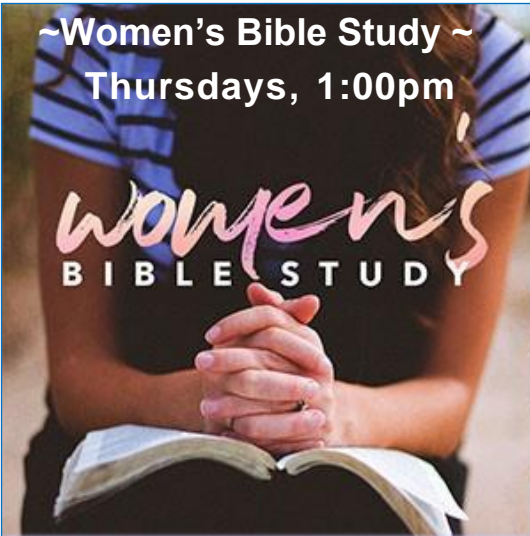


Conway Village Congregational Church Mission Statement

"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, 1:00pm

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



Women's Bible Study Location and Winter-Time Change

Women's Bible Study has changed its meeting location to our home in Evergreens on the Saco. We continue to meet on Thursdays, but due to winter weather, we have changed the meeting time to **1:00 PM**. We continue The Chosen, Season 3. We hold make-up viewing sessions, in case you miss an episode. Everyone is Welcome! Any questions, call the church office to let me know.

Judy Workman

The **Men's Bible study** meetings held at Charles Monaghan's or Tom Workman's homes. Call for specific day. Zoom may be available in the future. If you would like to join a group, please contact the Church office at 603-447-3851 or email info@thebrownchurch.org

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Melody Bergman**

CVCC Office Hours

While we work on repairing the flood damage, the office will be operating remotely during normal hours. Feel free to contact us via phone or email. Thank you.

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 and 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



OUTREACH CVCC Food Pantry

The Vaughan Center is graciously taking our pantry clients. Their hours are Tuesdays noon—1:30 and Thursdays 1-2:30. Please DO NOT call them, as no appointment is necessary. You may see Paul & Sylvia there!

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

Outreach Committee

Anne Getchell, Charlyne Gray, Marilyn Hughes & Charles Monaghan



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



The Dinner Bell

Due to the December flood in the church, all Dinner Bell Community Meals have been postponed until further notice. Please accept our apologies.



May Newsletter
Articles
Due By »
Thank you!



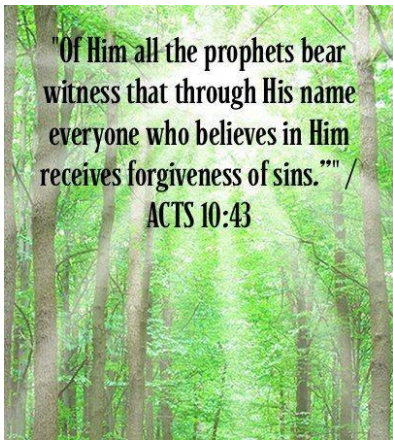
Sundays 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship via Zoom
To access Zoom meeting by Phone
Phone Number: 1 646 558 8656
(for audio only)
Meeting ID: 876 2425 7300
Password: 589150

Join us in person!



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



"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." / ACTS 10:43

Come worship with us at the Majestic Theatre on Sundays at 10am, 36 Main Street, Conway. Parking is in back of the theatre, on Main St., and at Station Bistro and Saco Bay Physical Therapy across the street.

We thank the Majestic staff and supporters for sharing their venue with us.

April Worship Schedule

2024

[Please note that Communion is moved to April 14th - Membership Sunday]

Sunday, April 7th – Easter 2, Charles Monaghan, preacher

Psalm 138

Scripture: TBA
TBA

Sermon: TBA

Sunday, April 14th – Easter 3, Communion/Membership

Psalm 4

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon: ***"What will Be is not Yet Revealed"***

Sunday, April 21st – Easter 4

Psalm 23

Scripture: Acts 4:5-12
John 10:11-18

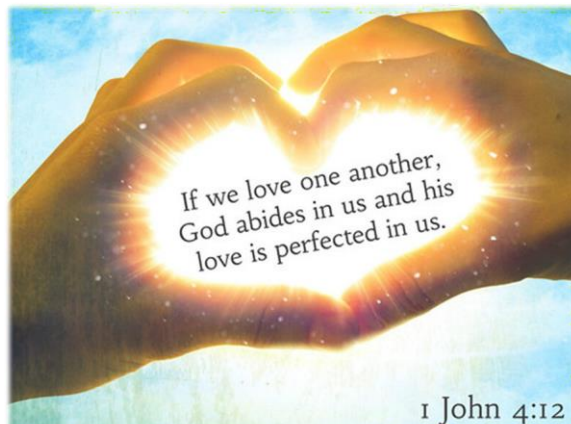
Sermon: ***"Knowing One's Own"***

Sunday, April 28th – Easter 5

Psalm 22:25-31

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-13, 16b-19
John 15:1-8

Sermon: ***"On Being Connected"***



Spring Blessings

And my god will supply all the needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 1pm Women's Bible Study	5 9am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	6
7 10 AM Worship Majestic Theatre	8	9 4:30pm Trustees	10 4:15pm Diaconate	11 1pm Women's Bible Study	12 9am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	13 <u>Office Closed</u>
14 10 AM Worship Majestic Theatre New Member Sunday <u>Office Closed</u>	15 <u>Office Closed</u>	16 <u>Office Closed</u>	17 Council 4:30pm Conway Fire Dept. Conference Room <u>Office Closed</u>	18 1pm Women's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	19 9am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u> 	20 <u>Office Closed</u>  Articles Due
21 <u>Office Closed</u> 9:30 AM Worship Majestic Theatre 10:30 Special Meeting	22 <u>Office Closed</u>	23 <u>Office Closed</u>	24 <u>Office Closed</u>	25 1pm Women's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	26 9am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	27 <u>Office Closed</u>
SPECIAL MEETING	29 <u>Office Closed</u>	30 <u>Office Closed</u>	 <p>The church office will be closed from Friday, April 12th, reopening on Monday, May 6th. I am having surgery.</p> <p>Thank you for your patience during this time.</p> <p>Melody Bergman, Administrative Assistant</p>			
28 10 AM Worship Majestic Theatre <u>Office Closed</u>	29 <u>Office Closed</u>	30 <u>Office Closed</u>				