



# Conway Village Congregational Church

*"The Brown Church"*

## The Good News

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### Celebrating 50 Years of Preaching

This month we joyfully congratulate Pastor John Hughes on the fiftieth anniversary of his preaching ministry. For five decades, Pastor John has faithfully proclaimed God's Word and shared Christ's love with congregations in Massachusetts and, for the past several years, here in Conway. We are truly blessed by his dedication, wisdom, and compassion.

And while this milestone is Pastor John's, we also extend a word of thanks to his wife, Marilyn, whose quiet support has accompanied him along the way.

Congratulations, Pastor John, on this remarkable achievement—and thank you for continuing to share your ministry with us!

With gratitude from the members of the Conway Village Church



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Conway Village Congregational Church ~ Our 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."

Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10 AM



I CAN'T DO IT, BUT I CAN DO.....

I Can't Cut the apples, but I Can Peel them.

I Can't Peel the apples, but I Can Cut them.

My hands Won't make it for 3.5 hours,

but I Can Do it for a couple of hours most days.

I Can't Be there on Wednesday, but I Can Be there the rest of the days.

I Can't do the morning shift because I work, but I Can do  
a couple of hours at the evening shifts.

I Can't tell jokes or stories, but I Can Laugh!

I Can't eat apple crisp because I can't have sugar,  
but I Can Buy a couple to Give to someone else.

You get the picture



God Loves a cheerful giver.

Let's Do This!

You'll Be Happy you did.



If you can't join us, please pray for the good health  
and endurance for the many volunteers  
and for others to join us in this effort.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in  
your heart to give, not reluctantly or under  
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"

2 Corinthians 9:7

Let's make God smile! See you there!

Judy

Diaconate: Judy Workman, Beth Campbell, Jill Reynolds, Charles Boswell, Charles Monaghan



# Church Council

## **CVCC Council Meeting August 13, 2025, Summarized Minutes**

Cash Report Reviewed: Total deposit for the last four weeks was \$16,940.53. Bank balance is \$9,529.50 We have drawn \$21,000 from the endowment so far this year. – This is not sustainable. Duddie asked Nancy to check which account Zeffy funds are going to – are both campaigns going to the operating account?

John discussed the severity of the situation with the parsonage driveway. The work needs to be done before winter. The quote to rebuild and repair the driveway is \$6,880. The council approved sending a Trustee Appeal to the membership to help with the cost.

We are requesting photos of church and of our church family & events to update content on the website, social media, and print materials. Please send any photos from church services, fellowship, Bible Studies, events, out in the valley, etc.

We are ordering Church T-shirts, with the large logo on sage green shirts and small logo on light blue shirts. We hope to have them for the Sept 11<sup>th</sup> event, if not at least in time for the fair. We will charge \$10 per shirt.

We have building use requests from Altrusa for their monthly meetings, they are a good fit for us, some already help with the apple peeling; and Bergeron Technical Services has requested a 2-day midweek SOLO wilderness first aid training for their employees.

### **Fryeburg Fair:**

- We need more people to help with bagging the dry ingredients on September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Carl will get the work done on the trailer.
- We have a plan to set up FH so it will work for both apple processing, crisp pans cooling (using speed racks instead of tables) and for worship without having to rearrange for Sunday services.
- We will use the 10oz cups this year. We will order most paper goods when Melody returns from the new supplier we found.
- Beth will order the pans and covers and dry ingredients.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Tuckerman Brewing Trivia Night September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
We need raffle prizes. If you can donate a prize, please contact the office ASAP
- **Fryeburg Fair – September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **Conway Legion Fish Fry – October 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Christmas Fair – December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Next meeting: September 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30 PM



# TRUSTEES

Stewards of the Church



## Happy Labor Day Weekend!

As we pause to honor the hard work and dedication of so many this Labor Day, we also give thanks for the faithful work of our church family. Your time, energy, and generosity continue to make a difference as we move forward together.

We're glad to welcome John and Melody back from vacation! Pastor John Hughes, we hope your time at the lake with family was both restful and refreshing. Melody, we trust your Alaskan adventure was a memorable one. Many thanks to Charles and Carl for stepping in to lead worship while they were away.

## Building Updates

There will be no changes to our building projects until Shawn Bergeron returns in early October from his trip. Our top priority remains getting heat into the Sanctuary. After that, Shawn will begin costing out the additional repairs. Siding work is scheduled for the spring.

We are grateful to soon receive a FEMA check in the amount of \$149,260. However, this will not cover all of the work required, so additional fundraising will be necessary to complete the projects.

## Parsonage Driveway

The parsonage driveway needs to be replaced. If it is not repaired this fall, John and Marilyn will not be able to use it during the winter months. The cost of this unexpected project is \$6,880. A Trustee Appeal letter will be sent out soon.

## Fryeburg Fair & Apple Crisp

The Fryeburg Fair is just around the corner, and that means Apple Crisp season is here! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and we need *all hands on deck*. If you are able, please join us for any of the following:

- **Ingredient bagging:** Wednesday, September 10 at 9 AM
- **Fellowship Hall setup:** Tuesday morning, September 23
- **Apples arrive:** Tuesday afternoon, September 23
- **First peeling session:** Tuesday, September 23 at 4:30 PM

**Apple Processing & Baking** Daily Wednesday, September 24, through Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (except Sunday) daily from 8 AM–12 Noon, and from 4:30–7 PM (no evening shift on Saturday).

To volunteer, please call the office or sign up online at

<https://volunteersignup.org/4AJHR>.





# Moderator's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been both a challenging and truly amazing two years since the flood forced us out of the church building. The past two years have been concentrated on getting the church repaired and brought up to code. There has been a tremendous amount of work completed and after a year and a half, we are once again worshipping in our own building. Granted it is in Fellowship Hall, but the church is operating again, and groups are returning to the church to hold their meetings and activities. I applaud all the hard work by the many people that have stepped up to ensure that Conway Village once again has a community minded church to represent the many different needs of the community.

I am writing to you now about the parsonage. While all of our focus has been on the church, we have looked past the parsonage and the issues that are present there. One issue cannot be put off any longer. The paved driveway from the road down to the garage will no longer be passable in the winter. The snow and ice over the years, along with tree roots and erosion has caused the pavement to break apart and has been both sliding down the hill and breaking apart. The Trustees have received an estimate to repair and re-pave the driveway. It will cost \$7,000.00 to have the work done. If the work is not completed, then the garage will not be able to be used this coming winter. No one will come to plow such a mess. This means that our pastor will have to park up on the front lawn.

Rev. Hughes was incredibly gracious to stick with us during the toughest times I believe this church has ever gone through. Many other pastors would have jumped ship, never mind doing more work for the same pay. He also worked through with little to no time off. On behalf of the Council and the Trustees, a Trustee Appeal for the \$7000.00 is being made. Envelopes dedicated to the Trustee Appeal Parsonage Driveway will be made available. I understand that these are challenging times, and finances are tighter probably than they ever were. In the nearly 35 years that I've been a member here; the church has never failed to rise to the moment of need. Our church is truly blessed with a congregation of loyal, faithful and God loving people. It is, perhaps, the church's greatest testament.

Sincerely,  
Carl F. Vitters  
Moderator

# Conway Village Church T-Shirts for Sale

We are excited to share that new Conway Village Church T-shirts are on the way—just in time for our fall events!

We will have:

- Light blue shirts featuring a small version of our logo on the left chest
- Green shirts with a large logo across the front

Each shirt is just \$15.

We hope to have the shirts available before our September 11th event at Tuckerman Brewing. After that, shirts will be available on Sunday mornings and during some of our apple peeling sessions. Show your church spirit—get yours while they last!



It's September!! Wow! How did that happen? Hope everyone had a great summer! Women's Bible Study resumes on Thursday, September 4th at 1 PM. We meet in the conference room.

We will continue our study in the Old Testament with Story 5 from Exodus circa 1445 B.C. New Commands and a New Covenant ~ Moses receives the 10 Commandments. Moses spends 40 days and 40 nights on Mount Sinai. Aaron and the golden calf. Building of the Tabernacle.

We will not meet on Sept. 25 or Oct. 2 during apple crisp prep/Fryeburg Fair because we want to do our part in the preparation of the Best Apple Crisp of the Fair!!

The Chosen Season 5~The Last Supper~(Holy Week Monday thru Maundy Thursday) will be added to the (free) app. the end of September. We will, most likely, begin our study of that following the fair.

We always welcome new members. I have extra books, and we have extra chairs, so please join us anytime. We would love to have you join us!

# Fryeburg Fair – We Need Your Help!



The Fryeburg Fair is almost here, and with it comes our biggest fundraiser of the year  
**Our Famous Apple Crisp!**

The revenue from our Apple Crisp sales provides **over one-third of our annual budget**. Without it, it would be difficult to imagine how our church could continue all that it does—feeding the food insecure, hosting community organizations, and providing a place of worship and fellowship. We are in **urgent need of volunteers** to help both with **apple prep** and with **working shifts at the fair booth**. Even a few hours of your time will make a significant difference!

## 🍏 Apple Peeling Shifts

- **Tuesday, Sept. 24** – 4:30 to 7:30 PM
- **Daily (Wed. Sept. 25 – Wed. Oct. 1)** – 8 AM to Noon & 4:30 to 7 PM
- **Saturday, Sept. 27** – 8 AM to Noon

## 👤 Fair Booth Shifts

Booth shifts are **5 hours** (11 AM–4 PM or 4 PM–9 PM). We will provide your fair admission and parking pass, so you can enjoy the fair before or after your shift.

## Volunteers needed:

- **Sat. Sept. 27 (Opening Day)** – early shift: 3 people
- **Sun. Sept. 28** – early: 2 people; late: 3 people
- **Mon. Sept. 29** – early: 3 people.
- **Tues. Sept. 30** – early: 1 person
- **Wed. Oct. 1** – early: 1 person
- **Thurs. Oct. 2** – early: 2 people
- **Fri. Oct. 3** – early: 1 person
- **Sat. Oct. 4** – early: 3 people
- **Sun. Oct. 5 (Closing Day)** – early: 2 people; late: Lead person + 3 people

We also need volunteers to **help set up the booth** before the fair begins and to **clean up afterward**.

💖 Please consider giving your time to this important ministry. Our booth may be just one small part of the fair, but for our church it makes all the difference—your help keeps this tradition alive and our ministries serving the community year-round. Please sign up online <https://volunteersignup.org/4AJHR> or call the church 603-447-3851.





## Trivia Night at Tuckerman Brewing!

Thursday, Sept. 11 • 5:30–8 PM

Grab your friends and join us for **team trivia**, **raffle prizes**, and **great beer** at Tuckerman Brewing!

We'll have **raffle prizes** and a **food drive**—bring non-perishable items to help stock our **Food Pantry**. Best of all, the night supports **Conway Village Church's flood recovery efforts**—so every laugh, prize, and pint helps us rebuild and serve our community.

Come ready to play, donate, and win big!



The poster features a central red speech bubble with the text "TRIVIA NIGHT" in white and yellow. Above the bubble are three question marks in red, yellow, and green speech bubbles. To the left is a circular logo for "BREWED IN CONWAY, NH TUCKERMAN BREWING" with a large "T" in the center. To the right is a logo for "Conway Village Church The Brown Church" with an illustration of a church. Below the main title is a yellow and blue button that says "BENEFIT EVENT". Underneath that is the text: "Are you ready to test your general knowledge? Bring your friends and join us Thursday night, September 11<sup>th</sup> for team trivia at Tuckerman Brewing, Conway NH. There'll be some fun local interest categories as well." At the bottom are two more buttons: "FOOD DRIVE" and "RAFFLE PRIZES", separated by a lightbulb icon. The entire poster is set against a background of faint, swirling lines.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

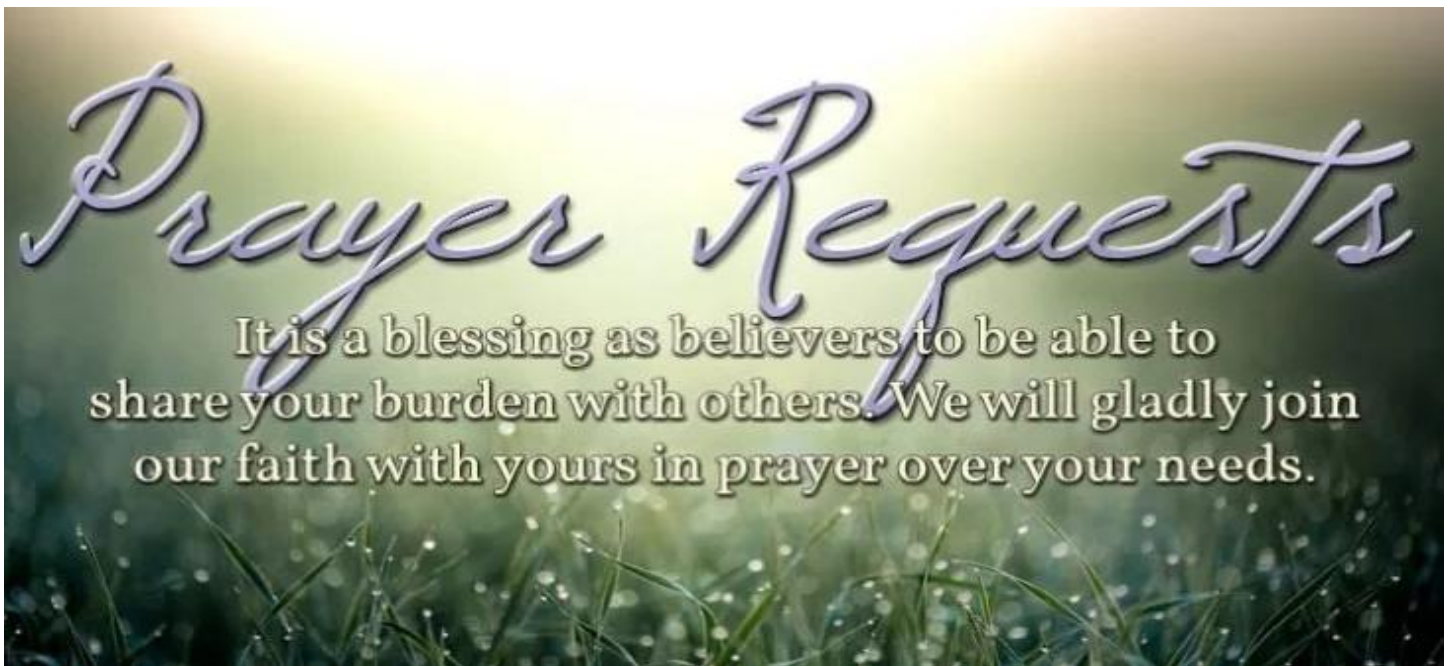
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**FOOD DRIVE**

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

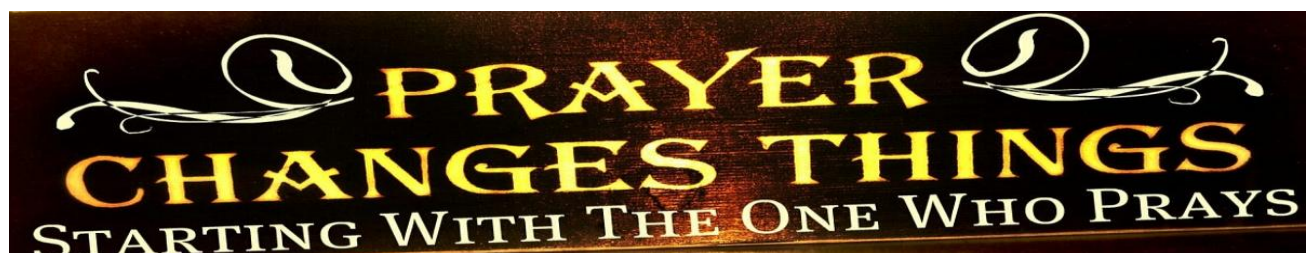
**Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 8:00 PM**  
Benefit for the Conway Village Church flood recovery and food missions  
Non-perishable food drive for our Food Pantry and Dinner Bell



Please remember the following in your prayers and don't forget to also pray for yourself too.

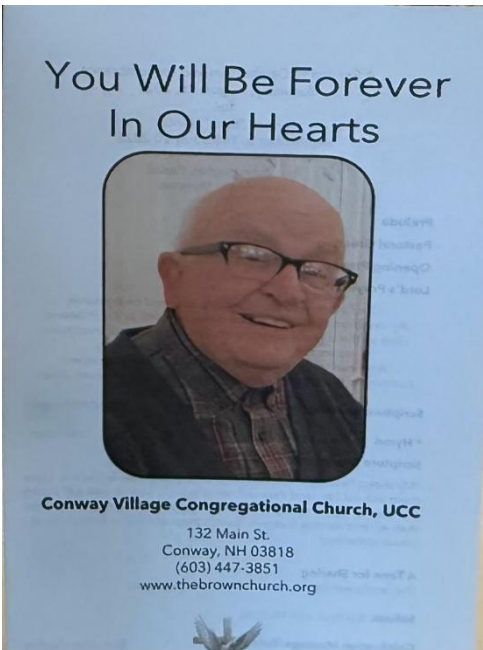
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† Colleen Albert  
† Elise & John Edgerton  
† Linda Frechette  
† Alice Spear  
† The family of Nancy Keyes  
† Carol Baribeau  
† Sandy Stowell & Lisa Horne  
† Mark & Caroline Weld  
† Eileen Redmond  
† Debbie Kelly  
† Greg Turgeon  
† Tom Steele  
† Paula Burgess

† Teresa Bernhardt  
† Pat (Gahagen) Goetzinger  
† Suzanne & Eddie  
† Misty  
† Charlotte  
† Margaret Marshall  
† John & Kathy P.  
† Cynthia Saxby  
† Sky Yeaton  
† Kathy Monahan  
† Lewis Busell & Family  
† Logan Campbell  
† Family of Russ Hunter





**Russell “Russ” Hunter’s Memorial Service August 16<sup>th</sup>**





## Just a little reminder of where we were one year ago:

No Food Pantry, no Dinner Bell, Worship Services were held at the Majestic Theater.



This is what these two areas looked like a year ago. We are grateful for all that has been accomplished—Food Pantry reopened, The Dinner Bell serving meals, and worship in Fellowship Hall. Progress has been slower than we expected, but with faith and hope, we trust God will guide our steps on our road to recovery.



**2025** **UPCOMING**  
**EVENTS**

**CONWAY VILLAGE CHURCH**  
**THE BROWN CHURCH**

<b>11 SEPTEMBER</b>	Tuckerman Brewery Trivia Night
<b>27 SEPT - 5 OCT</b>	Fryeburg Fair Apple Crisp
<b>17 OCTOBER</b>	American Legion Fish Fry

**September Birthdays**  
*Happy Birthday*



Nancy Irving  
Margaret Marshall  
Brian Wiggin  
Ruth Proctor  
Louise Saxby  
John Edgerton  
Sheila Pickard  
Mary Russo

*Enjoy your special Day*



**Conway Village Congregational Church Food Pantry**  
 by Appointment only  
 Tuesdays 8:30 am to 11:30 am  
 Serving Albany, Center Conway, Chatham, Conway, East Conway,  
 Eaton and Madison  
 Call 603-447-3851 to schedule an appointment or for more information

<b>Conway Village Food Pantry Wish List</b>	
Canned Fruit	Mayonnaise
Canned Pasta	Ketchup
Canned Baked Beans	Peanut Butter
Canned Beef Stew	Jelly
Canned Tuna Fish	Pancake Mix
Tuna Helper	Pancake Syrup
Hamburger Helper	Tomato Sauce
Ramen Noodles	Applesauce
Rice-a-Roni	
Soup (packaged or Canned)	



## September Worship

### September 7 *Communion Sunday*

Scriptures: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18    Jeremiah 18:1-11    Philemon 1-21    Luke 14:25-33

### September 14

Scriptures: Psalm 14    Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28    1 Timothy 1:12-17    Luke 15:1-10

### September 21

Scriptures: Psalm 79:1-9    Jeremiah 8:18-9:1    1 Timothy 2:1-7    Luke 16:1-13

### September 28 *Katherine Rhoda special music*

Scriptures: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16    Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15    1 Timothy 6:6-19    Luke 16:19-31

(Scriptures & bulletin content will not be shared on Zoom)

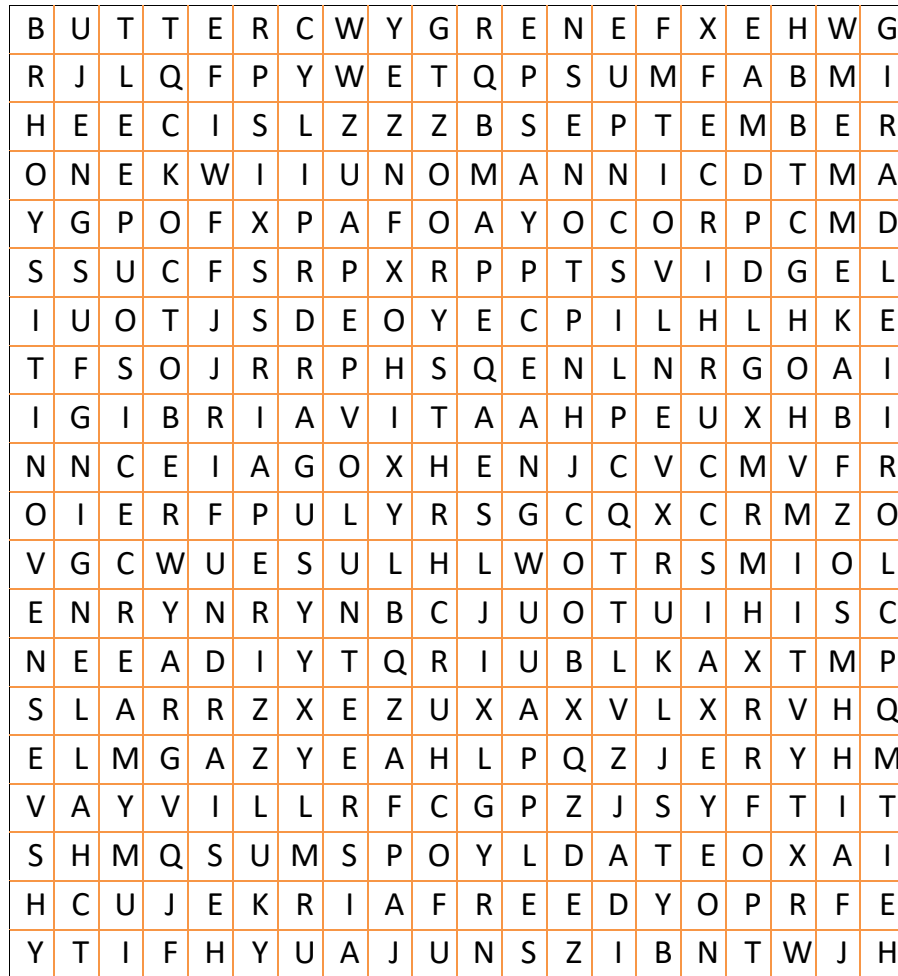
### Sunday Worship via Zoom

Meeting ID: **876 2425 7300** - Password: **589150**

To access Zoom meeting by Phone Call **1 646 558 8656** (for audio only)



# September Word Search Puzzle



## Words to Find:

APPLES	APPLE-CRISP	BAKE	BOOTH	BUTTER
CHALLENGING	CHEERFUL	CHURCH	CINNAMON	COMMUNITY
ENERGY	FAIR	FELLOWSHIP	FUNDRAISE	ICE-CREAM
OCTOBER	OVENS	PEEL	REPAIRS	SANCTUARY
SEPTEMBER	SUGAR	TOGETHER	VOLUNTEERS	



**MEN'S**  
BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study meets in the conference Room. Reviewing weekly lectionary readings for worship.  
All are welcome.  
John <'>))><<<



**Fresh Homestyle Meal**

Join us for a free community dinner!

Free Community Dinner

Call office for menu.  
603-447-3851

Everyone Is Welcome!!  
Mondays, 5-6 pm  
Take Out Only!







# September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  <b>Labor Day Holiday</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>LifeLine Screening</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Diaconate 9:30AM</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Food Pantry Volunteers Luncheon</b>	<b>10</b>  Bag Dry Ingredients 9A - ?  <b>Trustees 4:30</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Tuckerman Trivia Event 5:30- 8:00</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Council 4:30</b>	<b>18</b>  Set up Fellowship Hall for Apple Crisp Production	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Apples Arrive</b> Need volunteers to unload Apples Process Apples and 4:30 – 7 pm	<b>24</b> <b>Bake Crisp</b> Process Apples 8:30A - 12 Noon and 4:30 – 7 pm	<b>25</b> <b>Bake Crisp</b> Process Apples 8:30A - 12 Noon and 4:30 – 7 pm	<b>26</b> <b>Bake Crisp</b> Process Apples 8:30A - 12 Noon and 4:30 – 7 pm	<b>27</b>  <b>Bake Crisp</b> Process Apples 8:30A – 12N
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