



Conway Village Congregational Church

"The Brown Church"

The Good News

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It is All There on the Walls

"mene, mene, tekel, upharsin"

Daniel 5

The expression '***The Handwriting is on the Wall***' comes from Daniel, chapter 5. When a mysterious message appears on the wall of a banquet hall, it means nothing to the people who had ransacked the holy temple of God, so they asked Daniel, a Hebrew with the gift of wisdom, to interpret it for them. The expression, according to Daniel, means '***numbered, weighed, divided.***' The interpretation says God is numbering their days (*is testing their faithfulness*), is gauging their worth, and will deal with them accordingly - - their future hangs in the balance.

While the Persians who received the message could not make heads or tails out of the message (***each word on the wall represented a different coin!***), Daniel knew the future of the Persian empire was in question. They were about to be tested and if they did not respond correctly, their kingdom would come to an end. Daniel's faithfulness did not leave him in despair. It was a time when he began to question:

***"What does It Mean for Us?
What will the Future of the Faithful be Like?
What is the 'Handwriting on the Wall'?"***

Daniel's faith was a beacon of hope to the Hebrews; the failure of the Persians to meet the challenges before them, led to their downfall.

As you walk around our church building and look at the deterioration of the wood siding, you are looking at our history, the test of time. The original church structure (***the sanctuary and entry***) is 126 years old, having been built in 1906. The back section of our building (***our offices, pantry area, the kitchen, and fellowship hall***) were built in 1957, almost 70 years ago. The weathering of the building is a visible testament to the countless people served and years of dedication offered.

***Who can Calculate the Faithfulness it Represents?
Who can weigh out the Suffering Alleviated?
Who can Determine what the Guidance of those Many Years is Worth?***

We are about to begin a Capital Campaign for the exterior walls of our church. Because we find ourselves in a newly defined "*flood plain*," we need to cover our church in "*non-permeable material*" to protect it from future water damage. The cost of such a project is **\$225,000**. We take refuge in our faith and await the bright tomorrow ahead of us and ask ourselves what is the "***Handwriting on the Wall***"? Will we meet the challenge? What will our future be? Our missions, our worship, the guidance we offer to others are hanging in the balance.

Some will say our misfortune was forced upon us by others; some will say we are paying for a situation we did not create, and it is unjust. Yet we know, God takes particular interest in our faithfulness, is weighing out our situation, and will guide us accordingly.

Rev. John Hughes

October 2025

Trustee's Tidings & Council Update

FRYBURG FAIR The fair starts on September 27th, a day earlier this year and runs through October 5th. Be sure to come visit us in the booth!

Prep work for the fair has been going on for a couple of weeks. The crisp topping bags and spice bags are all filled, 400 each! The apples came on the 23rd and the peeling began. Carl has been working on much needed repairs to the booth.



Volunteers are still needed in some areas, if you can help, contact the office and speak to Melody.

FINANCIALS We recently looked at the year to date numbers, while we are basically on budget, we will still end the year in a deficit. Any cash flow concerns have been covered by Endowment funds. After the fair, we usually are able to deposit some of these funds back. We will be working on the 2026 budget after the fair.



The Tuckerman Trivia night brought in \$584 in raffle money and we are waiting to receive the donation from the brewery which was 10% of their sales that day. See next page for photos! A huge thank you to Tuckerman!!

DIACONATE reports that Katherine Rhoda will be providing music on two Sunday Services: September 28th and October 19th.

BUILDING We finally received the FEMA check, \$149,261, which is 75% of the work done to date. We will be working with Bergeron Technical Services to get estimates to install heat in the Sanctuary sometime this fall. We do not have all the estimates to complete the Sanctuary work. As many know, we were advised by the insurance company that much of the exterior siding needs to be replaced. That work will be done in 2026 and is estimated at \$225,000 which includes contingency. This money needs to be set aside for this purpose. We will need to continue to fundraise in order to finish the sanctuary.

We are planning to replace the carpet in the main entry, hall and two sets of stairs at the end of October. FEMA will reimburse us for 75% of that cost.

The Masons are looking to use the Henderson Room area to move their furniture to and make changes to the space to hold their meetings.

EVENTS next up after the Fair will be the **American Legion Fish Fry**. This was a very well attended and successful event last year. We have to provide the desserts. There will be a sign up sheet soon for the desserts.

Anne Getchell, Trustee

Trustee Board

Anne Getchell, John Edgerton,
Duddie Andrews, Nancy Irving,
& Tom Workman, ex officio
member, Treasurer





It's that time
of year,
hope to see
you at the fair!
Enjoy our apple
crisp, be sure
you do not
miss !!!



Thankful
Grateful
Blessed

A huge
thank you
Tuckerman
Brewing!!

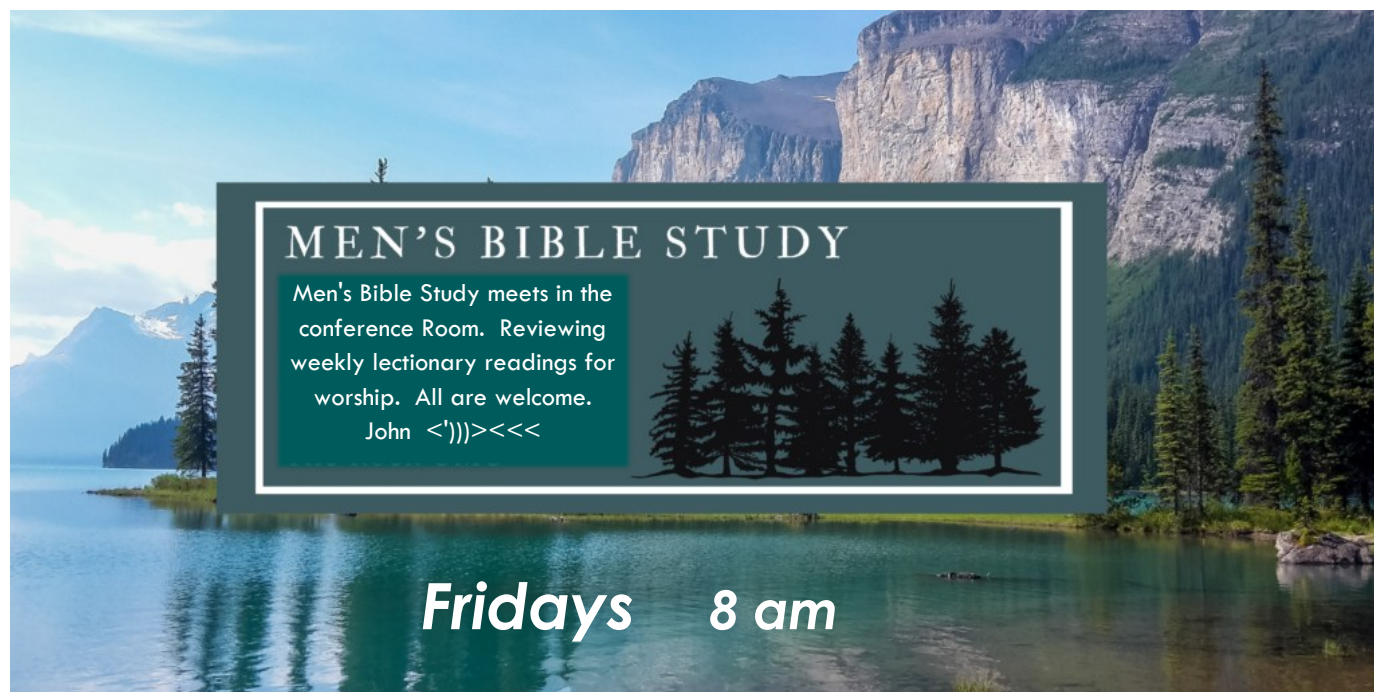


Women's bible study began meeting on Tuesday afternoons in September. We meet at 1:00pm in the conference room. There will be no meeting the week of the Fryeburg Fair. We continue to study the old testament.

We are waiting for The Chosen, Season 5~The Last Supper. The emphasis this season is Holy Week, Monday through Maundy Thursday. It is to be released on the free app the end of September.

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!

Judy Walkman



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

John <''))><<<

Fridays 8 am




Fresh Homestyle Meal

Join us for a free community dinner!

Everyone Is Welcome!!

Mondays, 5-6 pm

Take Out Only!

Free Community Dinner



Call office for menu.
603-447-3851

Visit Our Booth at The Fryeburg Fair for our famous **APPLE CRISP**



Carroll County - Altrusa International District One members not only help with our major Apple Crisp Fundraiser, they also presented CVCC church members with a community grant in the amount of \$2,000. Thank you Altrusa for your continued support! You are making a difference!!

Outreach - Food Pantry

The pantry is now beginning to prepare for Thanksgiving! Between now and November 28th is a very busy time of year! We estimate providing holiday dinners for 60 families. In years past, the Conway Elementary school held a food drive and the students walked to our church with many donations. The Conway Police hold a "Cram A Cruiser" event and make donations from that event to our pantry. All of these donations must be sorted and bagged for the clients for which we are looking for volunteers! We will also need to order numerous side dishes from the NH Food Bank, a majority of which we must pay for. Once all of these items have come in, we take an inventory, compare to the Thanksgiving "basket" list of clients who signed up, and then make any final needed purchases.

This process requires much time of our volunteers. There will be a volunteer sign up sheet coming around soon or call the office to find out when help is needed. If you can, we would appreciate any donations you can make to help us provide a pleasant holiday for our clients and their families. We appreciate all monetary donations as well. They are much needed this time of year! Food donations may be dropped off when the church is open on Sunday mornings or during regular office hours. Please do not leave food outside. If you wish to schedule drop-offs, please call 603-447-3851. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 333, Conway, NH 03818. Credit card donations can be made through our website, *homepage and scroll to the bottom*. Thank you for supporting our mission!!!

Anne Getchell & Melody Bergman
Pantry Coordinators



Food Pantry Wish List

- * Canned fruit
- * Assorted Canned pasta
- * Canned baked beans
- * Tuna Helper
- * Mayonnaise
- * Pancake mix
- * Ramen Noodles
- * Canned beef stew
- * Ketchup
- * Hamburger Helper
- * Pancake syrup
- * Canned tuna fish
- * Rice-a-Roni
- * Applesauce
- * Peanut Butter
- * Jelly
- * Tomato Sauce
- * Soup (packaged or canned)

Personal Care Items

(unopened only)

- * Toilet paper
- * Toothpaste
- * Toothbrush
- * Paper towels
- * Dish detergent
- * Small laundry detergent
- * Bar soap
- * Deodorant



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Food Pantry

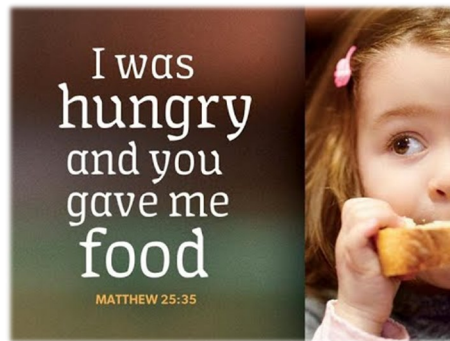
By Appointment Only

Tuesdays 8:30 am - 11:30 am

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

603-447-3851

Call to make an appointment or for more information.



Outreach Committee

Anne Getchell, Charlyne Gray,
Marilyn Hughes, &
Charles Monaghan

<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-Sept. 2025	287	536	35,248	278	94	50	45
January-Sept. 2023	316	635	42,942	300	81	65	38

*Pantry was closed all of 2024 due to major flooding of church.

Deacons & Deaconesses

Redemption

What is the meaning of redemption?

In the New Testament, redemption and related words are used to refer both to deliverance from sin and freeing from captivity.

What is God's promise of redemption? God initiated a plan to rescue humanity and the material universe from the now inevitable divine judgement for evil.

It is his promise to defeat the enemy of God and set his children free, to have a good life in this world and spend eternity in Heaven.

So rejoice for you are redeemed!

Charles (Boz) Boswell

Deacon

In Him we have
REDEMPTION
through His blood,
the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according
to the riches of His
GRACE



EPHESIANS 1-7

Save the Date!

Upcoming Mobile Food Pantry



Friday, Oct 10, 12:00pm-1:30pm

First-come, first-served. While supplies last.

**Ham Ice Arena
87 W. Main St.
Conway, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of food to distribute to families and individuals.
*No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive-thru event.
All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.*

Sponsored by:
Caring Neighbors



Your Deacons,
Judy Workman, Beth Campbell,
Jill Reynolds, Charles Monaghan and
Charles (Boz) Boswell

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."



Zeffy: A New, Fee-Free Way to Donate Online

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We're transitioning from PayPal to Zeffy for online donations. Zeffy is tailored for nonprofits and charges no transaction or credit card processing fees, ensuring that 100% of your donation directly supports our church and missions.

Donation Options:

Conway Village Church Operating Fund: Supports daily operations, including worship resources, staff salaries, utilities, and community activities.

Renew the Brown Church Capital Campaign: Helps with flood recovery, siding replacement, sanctuary renovations and general building repairs and improvements.

Benefits of Zeffy:

Choose preset amounts or enter your preferred donation.

Opt for monthly recurring donations to sustain our ministries.

Receive an email donation acknowledgment for tax purposes.

Zeffy may suggest leaving a tip to support their operations; this is optional.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Switching to Zeffy ensures your full contribution directly impacts our church and its missions.

Link to donate: <https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/donate-to-the-conway-village-church>

Link to Building fund: <https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/renew-the-brown-church-campaign>



Support The Brown Church Operating Fund



Support the Brown Church Capital Campaign



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| † Cathy Currier | † Paula Burgess |
| † Colleen Albert | † Teresa Bernhardt |
| † Elise & John Edgerton | † Pat (Gahagen) Goetzinger |
| † Linda Frechette | † Suzanne & Eddie |
| † Alice Spear | † Misty |
| † The family of Nancy Keyes | † Charlotte |
| † Carol Baribeau | † Margaret Marshall |
| † Sandy Stowell & Lisa Horne | † John & Kathy P. |
| † Mark & Caroline Weld | † Cynthia Saxby |
| † Eileen Redmond | † Sky Yeaton |
| † Debbie Kelly | † Kathy Monahan |
| † Greg Turgeon | † Lewis Busell & Family |
| † Tom Steele | † Logan Campbell |
| † Family of Louise Proctor | † Family of Russ Hunter |

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

CONWAY VILLAGE CHURCH
THE BROWN CHURCH

27 SEPT - 5 OCT

Apple Crisp
Fryeburg Fair

17 OCTOBER

Fish Fry
American Legion

6 DECEMBER

Christmas Fair

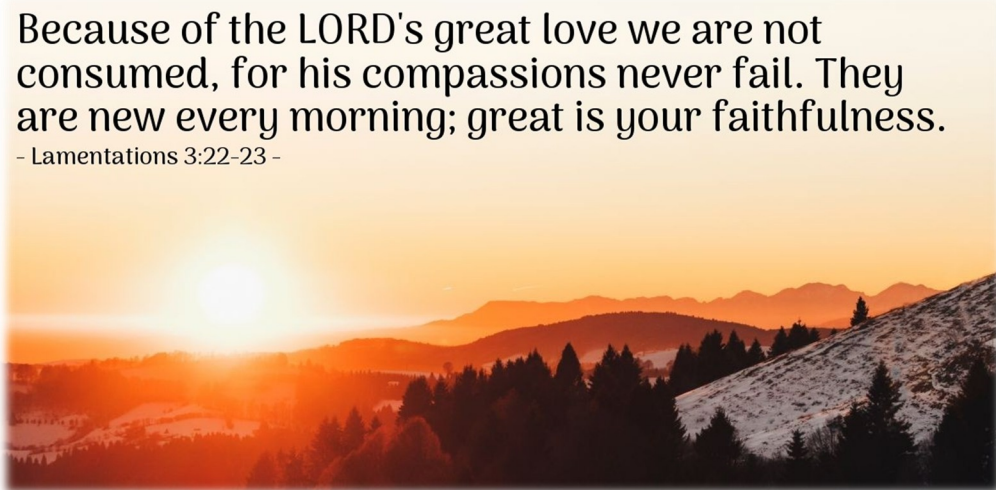


- 🕯 Keira Isabell McGove
- 🕯 Richard Quint
- 🕯 Jane Galloway
- 🕯 Cindy Thibodeau
- 🕯 Mitzi Fitch
- 🕯 Dr. Christopher Getchell
- 🕯 Emily McLlarky
- 🕯 Linda Frechette
- 🕯 Carl Vitters
- 🕯 Liza Graustein
- 🕯 Charlyne Gray

Please call the office if you would like your name added to the birthday list.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

- Lamentations 3:22-23 -





October 2025 Worship Schedule

October Worship Schedule 2025

Sunday, October 5th – Communion

Psalm 137

Lamentation 3:19-26

Luke 17:5-10

Sermon: **“Who, What, Whose”**

Sunday, October 12th

Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: **“The Power of Your Words”**

Sunday, October 19th

Psalm 121

Genesis 32:22-31

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Sermon: **“The Very Breath of God”**

Sunday, October 26th

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: **“The Value of Having a Good Fight”**

We are open for Worship Services in Fellowship Hall!

Service 10:00 AM

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship following worship service!

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)



October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Office Closed 10am At the fair	2  Office Closed 10am At the fair	3  8am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	4 
5 10 AM Worship World Communion Sunday 	6 5-6 pm Dinner Bell	7 8:30-11:30 am Food Pantry 9:30 Diaconate 1pm Women's Bible Study	8	9	10 8am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	11
12 10 AM Worship	13  <u>Office Closed</u> No Dinner Bell	14 8:30-11:30 am Food Pantry 1pm Women's Bible Study	15	16	17 8am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	18
19 10 AM Worship Special Guest Musician Katherine Rhoda	20  Articles Due 5-6 pm Dinner Bell	21 8:30-11:30 am Food Pantry 1pm Women's Bible Study	22	23	24 8am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	25  Camp TOHKOMEUPG 1251 Eaton Rd. Madison, NH Apple Crisp
26 10 AM Worship	27 5-6 pm Dinner Bell	28 8:30-11:30 am Food Pantry 1pm Women's Bible Study	29	30 <div>Upstairs Hall & Stairways Carpet and Flooring Install !!</div>	31 8am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	

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Apple Crisp

Baked oven fresh with local ingredients

Your Patronage supports our Church Facility, Food Pantry and Dinner Bell

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CVCC
Conway Village Congregational Church
The Brown Church's
Apple Crisp Booth

CVCC Apple Crisp Here

Celebrating 175 in 2025!
FRYEBURG FAIR
To mark the occasion, we are adding a day starting in 2025 and running for 9 days!
September 27 - October 5, 2025

4-H Horse Show
Woodsmen's Day
Tractor Pulling
Draft Horse & Pony Show
2x4 & 4x4 Pulling

Commercial Road
Main Gate #1
Main Gate #2
Main Gate #3
Main Gate #4
Main Gate #5
Main Gate #6
Main Gate #7
Main Gate #8
Main Gate #9
Main Gate #10

Orange Gate
Trackside Camping Area
To Lovell, Bethel, Norway

May 2013