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ITS HERE!!!
THE ANNUAL SPRING FAIR
Saturday May 2nd from 8-1

Yard, rummage, and bake sale
food and drinks.

It's also the annual Rochester Comic Book Day and FUMC is a stop on the trail! Check pages 7-8 for more information.



United Women in Faith

Celebrating
MOTHERS

Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.

Bring your family for games and breakfast!

DONATION COLLECTION FOR HOPE ON HAVEN HILL

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 25th
MEMORIAL DAY
OBSERVED



Pentecost— Sunday, May 24th

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:1-4 NRSV

PASTORS CORNER

Dear FUMC family,

Our Easter worship was truly a glimpse of heaven. As voices were lifted—choirs, ringers, instrumentalists, and the whole congregation—there was a sense that we were joining something far greater than ourselves. The music swelled like a heavenly chorus, and together we were drawn into the joy, gratitude, and celebration of the resurrection. It was a beautiful reminder that Easter is not just something we remember—it is something we experience.

And yet, Easter is more than a single day. It is the culmination of our Lenten journey—a season in which we walked with Jesus through sacrifice, reflection, and the reality of his suffering and death. In that journey, we were invited to see again what the cross truly represents: the depth of God’s love for us. Easter morning proclaims that love in its fullest expression—life, hope, and victory over all that seeks to diminish us. Because of this, Easter is not over. The celebration continues week after week as we live into the reality of resurrection faith.

As we move into May, our life together as a church will be full and vibrant. There will be many opportunities to gather, celebrate, and serve. In the midst of a busy season, we also look ahead to Pentecost—the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus promised. It is a powerful reminder that we are not left on our own. Christ is present among us, still guiding, empowering, and equipping us through the Spirit.

At the same time, the world around us is coming alive. Buds on the trees, blossoms on the flowers, and longer days all speak of new life. These signs of the season gently echo a deeper truth: the new life we have in Christ. Just as creation is renewed, so are we—called to grow, to flourish, and to live as people shaped by resurrection hope.

May this season draw us deeper into that life—a life rooted in love, sustained by grace, and alive in the Spirit.

In Christ’s peace,
Ho-Soon

MAY

Happy Birthday!

If you do not see your birthday listed, or date is incorrect, please contact the church office to update your information.

2	Natalia Hernandez Parsell	18	Cameron Wiltshire
2	Karen Lindsay	19	Mark Leahy
4	Katie Tompson	19	Karen Little
5	Elaine Casler	20	Elaine Wright
8	Tessa Wiltshire	23	Michael Cook
10	H. Ron Snyder	25	Robin Stevens
11	Jennifer Mayotte	27	Stephanie Brown
14	Dan L. Saucier	27	Randy Marcotte
15	John Brown	28	Caleb Cook
15	Nora R. Rice	29	Nancy Loud
17	Kevin Nolan	31	Ann Moynihan
18	John Wilderman	31	Michelle Parker



May 21– Mike and Mary Fortier
May 22– Paul and Ann Blackadar



Celebrating the Baptism of
Cassidy Clair Goddu



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have a family member graduating from High School or College? We would love to include them in the June Messenger. Please submit name, photo, school they are graduating from and their future plans to kdld@metrocast.net no later than May 15th.

<u>Acolyte</u>		<u>Ushers</u>	
3	<i>Nora Price</i>	<i>Donna Walter/ Marianne Gustafson</i>	
10	<i>Natalia Hernandez Parsell</i>	<i>Pat Hewitt</i>	
17	<i>Alejandra Hernandez Parsell</i>	<i>Debbie Boynton/ Marianne Gustafson</i>	
24	<i>Charlotte Pyrich</i>	<i>Don and Sue Raab</i>	
31	<i>Nora Rice</i>	<i>Youth Group</i>	

MAY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 Set up for Spring Fair FOOD DROP OFF ONLY	2 8am-1pm SPRING FAIR Comic Book Day  10am AA Group
3 COMMUNION 9:30 am Worship 1:00pm Celebration of Life- Marilyn Jones 5pm Fellowship kitchen MYF 6-8pm	4 10:30 am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6 pm Project Linus 7pm Finance	5 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts	6 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts PACK 184 6:45pm Disciple	7 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 Seacoast Carvers 6:30pm Choir	8	9 10am AA Group 9:30 UWIF Family Gathering - Celebrating Mothers 12pm Baby Shower
10 9:30 am Worship Project Linus Dedication 10:45am Christian Ed meeting 5pm Fellowship kitchen	11 10:30 am- AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6 pm Project Linus 6:30pm Worship Committee	12 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts 7:30pm Steeple Committee	13 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts PACK 184 6:45pm Disciple	14 10AM AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6:30pm Choir	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 9-1 Red Cross Blood Drive 10am AA Group 10am MYF Car Wash
17 9:30 am Worship After worship- Wesleyan Heritage Tour MYF - meet at church 4:15 Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat 5pm Fellowship kitchen	18 10:30 am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm- Project Linus 6PM Lay Leaders 7pm Admin. Council	19 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Patrol Leader 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts 7pm Trustees	20 8am Rochester Mental Health Summit 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts PACK 184 6:45pm Disciple 7pm Photo Show Awards Reception	21 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 Seacoast Carvers 6:30 Pack 184	22	23 10am AA Group
24 PENTECOST  9:30 am Worship 5pm Fellowship Kitchen	25 memorial DAY OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 am- AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6 pm Project Linus	26 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts	27 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts PACK 184 6:45pm Disciple	28 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6:30 pm Choir	29	30 10am AA Group
31 9:30am Worship Leadership Retreat after Worship 5pm Fellowship Kitchen						

	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
3	Cynthia Sparks	Sam and Lorie Tweedy
10	Gary Leughmyer	Sue Parsell
17	Karen Lindsay	Eileen Foss
24	Don Raab	Pat Hewitt
31	Sharon Parker	Youth Group

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN MAY

May 3
5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
John 14:1-14

"A Faith That Holds in the Storm"

May 10
6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
John 14:15-21

"Faith Begins at Home"
Children's Message-Michelle Pyrich

May 17
7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11

"Held in Prayer, Sent in Love"
Children's Message-Kristen Sturtevant

May 24
Day of Pentecost
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

"Set on Fire: The Spirit Moves the Movement"
Children's Message-Michele Leahey

May 31
Trinity Sunday
Psalm 8
Matthew 28:16-20

"Sent by Love: Then, Now, and Always"
Children's Message-Michelle Pyrich

Memorial Service for Marilyn Jones

Sunday, May 3, 1PM

First United Methodist Church

If you can contribute baked goods for the reception, contact Eileen Foss.



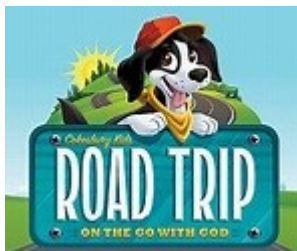
Christian Education

Future Gen



<u>Pre-K—5th grade</u>		<u>6th– 12th Grade</u>	
3	Worship together in church	3	Worship together in church
10	<i>The Centurions Servant</i> (Matt 8:23– 27) Michelle Pyrich/ Kathy Mills	10	<i>Echo</i>
17	<i>Jesus Blesses the Children</i> (Mark 10:13-16) Donna Brill	17	<i>Echo</i>
24	<i>Jesus Heals the Blind Men</i> (Matt 20:29-34) Donna Brill	24	<i>Children's Day Prep</i>
31	<i>The Sower</i> (Matt 13:1-9; 18-23) Tammy Roberge	31	<i>Children's Day Prep</i>

Vacation Bible School



**July 20– 24
5:00-7:30**

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**ON THE GO WITH GOD!
"THE LORD GOD IS WITH YOU WHERE EVER YOU GO."
JOSHUA 1:9**

Join us for an exciting adventure on the open road, where kids embark on thrilling journeys to fantastic destinations.

Led by Navigator and their adventurous pup Scout, children will discover that go is always with them. They'll explore timeless stories from the Old and New Testaments, learning how to face challenges and find strength in God's presence.

Look for more information soon but we can't wait to see you for another fun exiting year.

If you would like to volunteer or help with donations, please contact Dan Saucier dasaucier@gmail.com.

FUMC HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

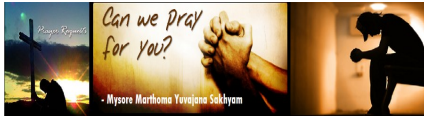
Rev. John F. Adams was pastor in 1819-20. The increasing work on the charge, which then include parts of adjacent towns, cause the appointment of Rev. Samuel Norris as a colleague in 1820, but after six months he was transferred to the Landaff circuit. After a ministry of sixty-nine years, Mr. Adams died in 1881 at the age of 91. (McDuffee 1988, 263)

Rev. John F. Adams, born at Stratham, N. H., May 23, 1790, died at Greenland, N. H., June 11, 1881, aged 91. In 1812, he was admitted into the New England Conference. His circuits for the first three years were in the back settlements of Maine ; he afterward served on different circuits and stations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. He was Presiding Elder for eight years, a member of four General Conferences, and was at one time the financial agent of Newbury, Vt., Seminary. He was upon the superannuated list in 1847, and with the exception of two years in the early part of his ministry in a local relation, he maintained an unbroken connection with the Conference until his death. "Probably he leaves not one behind him more thoroughly identified with the history and growth of Methodism in New England for the last seventy years, especially in the territory now embraced in the New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont Conferences." In 1840 he was stationed at Bromfield street church, Boston, for one year, but returned to the N. H. Conference and was appointed Presiding Elder of the Dover district for four years. He was highly respected, and represented the town of Greenland in the New Hampshire legislature of 1859. He continued to preach, as he had strength and opportunity, until the close of his useful life. Always interested in all the enterprises of the church, he contributed liberally to their support, and having served the church he loved with great fidelity, earnestness, and ability, he passed to his reward. His first wife, a most excellent woman, died in the early part of 1866. July 25, 1867, he married Sarah W., daughter of Captain Charles Treadwell, formerly of Portsmouth, whose devotion to the aged pilgrim was sincere, tender, and affectionate. (The Granite Monthly Volume 6, pg 317)

McDuffee, Franklin. 1988. *History of the Town of Rochester New Hampshire 1722-1890*. Re-print. Somersworth, NH: New England History Press.

To be continued

Kent Marzoli, Records and History



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Personal Concerns- cont.

Zayla Rosea; Bishop Mariann Bedde; Russell Scott; Bill; Steve; Sue St.Peter; Camden; Stephanie; Kristen; Dave Lemire; Glen Foss; David Lindsay; Mike; Francine Dion; Devin Schafer; Mike; Carol; Larry; Elaine Hartford; Francine Dion; Frank Locke; Jan Becker; Peter; John Hebert and wife Tina; Debbie Smith; Mike Bucceiri; Lee and Michael Wygant; Betsy Fisher; Linda Rankin, Margaret and Makeyla, Amanda Tweedy; Sarah; David Smith; Glenn Cooper; Patty Ernest; Braden Ross; Trica Oliver; Christina Napolitano; Randy; Steve; Jakob; Pastor John Hutchinson; Bonnie Succi; Samantha Cole; Ara Tamzarian; Martha Fantasia; Elaine Lindsay; Matt Chase; Denise C; Nancy Warren; Barry Ellsworth; Bob E.; Pat Neal; George Livingston; Dale Marino; John Landers; David Lindsay; Mike and Carol Chick; Carole Albert; Rebecca Laurion; Michael Mercier; Nell Sylvain; Carol; Tammy and Charlie Allard; Allison; Paul and Cheryl; Tammy and Charlie Allard; Robin Sandborn; Carol; Denise Wilcox; Nate Phinney; Erin, Emily, Richie and Paul Southard; Aden and Jane; Carole; Mike Torres; Hailey Raab; Nick Rosic; Deb Storrs; Elaine Leughmyer; Marian Miller; Carol Raab; Pam Ferriera; Bill Wise; Ginny Veno; Sherry; Jen Livingston; Nancy Manning; Bill Hoelscher; Leslie Keller; Marie; Jeff Grote; Amy; Lexi Keyser; Nick; Patrick Combs; Michael Mercier; Ellen Drew; Ron Zielfelder, Carole; Roger Frasier; Ric and Vicki Wachter; Phil; Sarabeth and Peter; Bob H.; Gary; Mr. Cormier; Martha Fantasia; Carole; Sue Yun; Jessica Milliard; Carol Park; Katrinka Walsh; Bruce Perry and Family; John Boudreau; Geraldine Boudreau; Sharon; Uncle Nick; Donna; Bob H.; Paul Lessard; Betty; Cory; Carol Carr; Jackie and Husband; Donna Blair; Doug Coons; Tori; Marianne Gustafson; Ken & Karen Manning; Rosemary Guptill; Glenn LaRoche; Taylor Spedding and father; Clio; Jeff Grote; Jack Jones; Steve Dube; Chris Pinckey; Jackie Morganti; John and Carole Sheehan; Claire; Claudette and Deb; Robby; Frank Coleman; Elizabeth and Matt Wood; Janet Berube; Pat Froh; Paul; Bill Wise; Katie Pyrich; Julie; Jennifer Livingston; Carole Albert; Abbie; Stephanie; Diane and Arty Jones

Prayers for those recently in the hospital: Karen Clarke; Maureen Smith; Cheryl Wachter; Paulie Southard; Lynn Littlefield

Prayers of thanks: All those who contributed to the Lenten Devotionals; from Cindy Edgerly that biopsy was benign; from Carol Parks who has gotten through surgery and recovery successfully

Prayers of condolences for the Family and Friends of: Dr. Robert Rubino; Debbie Brownell; Roland Meehan; John Peterson; Marilyn Jones; Griffinn Gower; Martha Fantasia; Cora Frye; Joe Belanger; Patty Ernest

Prayers for the Ministry we support: Dr. Belinda Forbes and Family



Christian Education

MYF

Come and join us for fun, food and fellowship!



May 3rd– Meeting 6-8 pm

May 16th– 10am Car Wash

May 17th– Meet at church at 4:15 to attend *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Opera House

For more information please contact Alex Wilderman, or Maddie Adams.

WANAKEE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

We are excited to announce that registrations for the 2025 summer camp season is now open.



This year we are thrilled to introduce Camp-Doc, our new registration and medical record-keeping software that will transform how families prepare for and register for camp.

To register visit:
<http://app.campdoc.com/register/wanakee>

Wanakee is a co-ed sleep-away camp in Meredith, NH, in the foothills of the White Mountains.

Wanakee's 227 acres include wooded trails, half a mile of lakefront on Lake Pemigewasset and open fields.

The camps mission is to...love, accept, challenge and provide opportunities for growth to all God's people, help individuals interact with one another, build relationships and grow in their Christian faith through experiences with a Christian community.

Financial hardships should not stop a youth from attending camp. Earlybird registration discounts are available through Wanakee, and FUMC also offers scholarships for youth attending. Contact the church office for more information.

For more information please contact Kelly Hearn, at 603-781-3710 or kmhern63@gmail.com our Wanakee Representative.

Christian Education



Eager Hearts Reunion Group

Next meeting date is **Friday, May 15, 2026 at 3pm**

As there is a Fall Walk on the schedule, October 15-18th. The reunion group leaders, Kelly Hearn, Donna Downes and Pat Hewitt have met and come up with some ideas to share.

At our initial meeting we discussed the Reunion Group, setting up future gatherings days and times.

If you have attended the Walk to Emmaus and did not receive an email invitation to reunion group meetings, please contact Pat Hewitt at pugles4@yahoo.com. Your input is valuable to us.

Please respond if you wish to be taken of the email list.
Hope to hear from everyone soon!

De Colores



CROSSROADS EMMAUS
OF NEW ENGLAND

The Walk to Emmaus is a weekend of spiritual enrichment that focuses on God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, helping the participants to renew their connection with Christ and consider Christ's model of servant-hood. During the weekend you will explore a spiritual journey of fellowship, fun and Christian renewal.

While this is not an actual physical walk, there is some physical movement/walking involved.

Men's and Women's Walk Dates:
Thursday, October 15th at 7pm to
Sunday, October 18th at 5pm

If you are interested in attending a walk, want more information, or wish to sponsor someone for the upcoming walks, please contact either Pat Hewitt, Kelly Hearn or Donna Downes.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please let the office know if there is someone to add or also to remove from the ongoing prayer list. We try to keep this list up to date.

Bold indicates new addition to prayer lists.

Concerns- General

Prayers for those who are homeless, hungry or unemployed; those affected by natural disasters such as floods, fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes; those who struggle with chronic pain, mental and medical health illness, addiction, cancer, loss of jobs, healthcare and other services, families in turmoil; deportation; all children; those suffering with financial issues, personal stress and mental health issues; those who are celebrating LOVE; People of Ukraine; City of Minneapolis; victims of violence; airline tragedies; Gaza; Middle East Conflicts; Israel and Jordan for peace; Christians in Nigeria; Victims of Brown University shooting ; end to gun violence; Armed Service members and First Responders

Personal Concerns-

Warren and Edna Carr; Tim Hill; Les and Bertha Huckins; Henry and Janice Wolforth; Larry and Cindy Edgerly; Lynda Ward; Carol Bolduc; Lois Coate; Robin Stevens; Olin Jackson; Jennifer Philips; Christin; Megan; Baby Archie; Nicholas; Jennifer Carter; Monica and Richard; Jacki Emma McQueen; David Goethel; John Leary; Jacolyn Hartford; Makayla Herget; Joseph; Donette Sylvester; Carrie; Amy B; John; Sister Katie Hoelscher; Valerie; Susan Morisette; Nancy; Katie Jean Sharp; Fred Hildebrant; William Bujold; Robert and Dan Devoid; Jenny Farkas' dad; Jeanne; Jill; Callan Mimmon; Jillian; Kelly; Charles Crone; Priscilla; Jim and Becky McQueen; Melissa White; Mary Jane and Carly; Hayden Kessey; Valerie Hoelscher; Pat Demaris; Lindsay; Kevin Magner; Jeff; Jackie and Bill Smith; Brannon; Lynn Ricker; Bernie; Gabby; Lisa Staple; Rosemary Lucus; Cheryl Flamen; Arlene and Joy; Glenn Gault; Lino Mion; Sherry Cathcart; June Knight; Amber Hall; Kevin; John; Vivian ; David Ericson; Rachel G; Cassidy Brennan; Kevin Menard; Jon Menard; Steve Marison; Paul and Angie; David; David Ericson; Madelyn; Brittany's niece; Kay Sylvain; Michael Bujold; Logan & family; Matt G; Lisa Staples; Angie; Nathan; Irene; Bill; Karen; Mary Heather; Marcy; Melissa; Rosemary; Carol; Pauline Graham; Anthony; Bud Lee; Rosemary Gupstill; Bob Mankittick, Warren Cummings; Zach Foss; Kelly Merrihew; Henry McMullen; Nancy-Ann Ferren; Cheyenne Noble; Mikey Spell; Mary; John; Jean Brisco; Timothy Branyen; Rachel and Lorena; Katherine Brody; Beth Gould; Anita Brown; Ida Kneeland; Betsy and Dale Kneeland; Dan Goethel; Timothy Branyen; Peter Rankins; Carol McMullen; Joyce Goodberry; Natalie and Dave; Leo Rankins; Ron Menard; Dean and Lori; Dave Ropel; Mei Hayes; Jay Tanger; Eugene and Ruth Hoelscher; Pat Demaris; Kevin Magner; Joanne Sylvian; Hazel; Marilyn Ives; Dona Sanborn; James; Dave and Natalie Lemier; Faith Williams, Franchesca Panniello; Barb and Ron Rafferty; Kelsie Sargent and parents; Benjamin Horta; Debra Scarponi; Elaine Hartford; Monique Bamford; Carol Chick; Maddie Rankins; Lisa; Julie Tweedy; Kelly; Shirley Brannock; Carolyn Wilderman; Macee; Maggie; Lily Hess; Tina Weaver; Doug Lindsay; Michael; Chantelle; Carolyn Meehan; Tracy Lange; Amanda and family; Leclair; Tracy; Baby Alice; (cont. next page)

Missions and Outreach

NEWS FROM N.O.W.
Nurture, Outreach, Witness

May 2nd– Spring Fair and Comic Book Day
No mission of the month



Thank you all for the generous donations given through the “Souped Up Sunday” fellowships. We enjoy the Fellowship times and are truly living the Nurture, Outreach & Witness Committee we are! It is wonderful to hear the happy chatter in Hurd Hall. We look forward to hosting other fellowships in the future.

NOW Committee meets on the third Sunday of the month, after church. All are always welcome. We would love to have you come join us.

Pat Hewitt– Chairperson



May 16th from 9-1
Sign up at <https://www.redcross.org>

A Very Special Thank You

- ◇ To the Scouts and the church members that helped to beautify the church and grounds on Spring Clean-Up Day.
- ◇ Those who helped with the Turkey Supper. We raised \$4,500+ dollars.

FUMC CASSEROLE COMMITTEE

This committee provides meals for people in our church family during difficult times.



Anyone who is in need of meals, please contact one of two chairpersons: Diane Marzoli 332-1766 or Dottie Bickford-Longo 664-5552, or contact the office for assistance.

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions. We always bring enough for the whole family. If you can help, either by cooking or buying a meal, we need you!. Thank you in advance.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Fair



Saturday MAY 2, 2026

8am-1pm

Spring Cleaning? Consider donating your items in good usable condition!
Please sort & clean donations before them bringing in.
It costs the church to discard junk items. Thank you!

BRING BOOKS EARLY AS WE QUICKLY GET OVERWHELMED AND HAVE TO CUT OFF DONATIONS!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO DROP OFFS!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 from 9am-12noon

MON-WEDS, APRIL 27-29 from 9am– 1pm and 5pm-7pm

Items can be brought in the week before the fair with some help available after church until noon.

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER WEDNESDAY. THANK YOU!
THURSDAY & FRIDAY ARE SET-UP WORK DAYS.

*Many hands make light work and help will be needed throughout the week sorting out, displaying items and pricing.
Come in when you can to help! Thank You !!*

FRIDAY DROP OR EARLY SATURDAY (BY 8AM)

**ONLY ITEMS ARE FOOD FOR BAKE SALE, PLANTS AND SMALL FURNITURE.
THE FURNITURE MAY TAKE UP SPACE TO GET AROUND.**

Clothing Rummage Sale ~ new or Gently worn items.
PLEASE NO stains, rips, missing buttons or broken zippers.
No used undergarments , hats or socks.

Yard Sale ~ We will accept small furniture- table bureaus, desk, etc. All leftover furniture must be taken home by donor.

Attic Treasures ~ Items should be clean & in good usable condition. No old computers or old tv's (only flat screen) .

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Fair



Garden Gallery ~ Plant donations of house plants & perennials are accepted! Please label your plants as many buyers want to know what the plant/flower is. Also donations of plant pots, vases, watering cans and gardening essentials!

Used Books ~ No Encyclopedias, National Geographic, textbooks, or magazines of any kind! ANY QUESTIONS ON BOOK DONATION PLEASE TALK TO MARI-ANNE GUSTAFSON or DEBBIE BOYNTON. Books can be hard cover or paper back in gently used condition. Please, no torn covers or pages ;not musty smelling .

Gifts/ Crafts ~ We will have a gifts & crafts area and Jewelry. Think about Mother's Day, Prom, Weddings, Birthdays, Graduations and Dads.

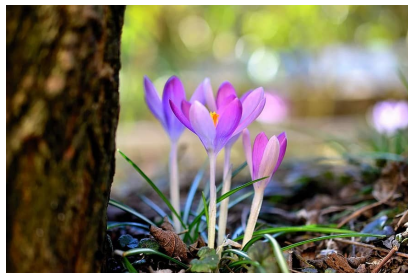
Toys ~ should be clean, not broken or parts missing! Stuffed animals should be clean & not musty/smoke smelling or torn.

Games & Puzzles ~ should be in the box with instructions. No missing pieces.

Movies and Music ~ CDs & DVDs, especially for kids! Any players donated should be in working condition.

Baked Goods, Cookies, Candy & Pies Please mark all baked goods. Please be mindful and indicate if any nuts & types of nuts if any. Gluten Free , Dairy Free & Sugar Free are welcome!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Hewitt at 603-948-5935 , or email her at pugles4@yahoo.com.



*Flowers appear on the earth,
the season of singing has
come, the cooing of doves is
heard in our land.*

Song of Solomon 2:12

Missions and Outreach

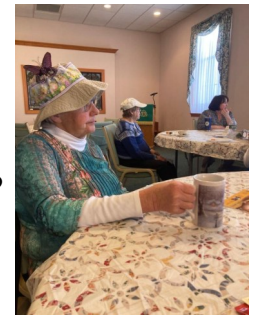


Ladies Tea Time

United Women in Faith welcomes women/ youth of all churches and faiths. Whether near or far, we invite you to support our mission, join us for fellowship gatherings and share with any woman in your life who might also be interested.



United Women in Faith



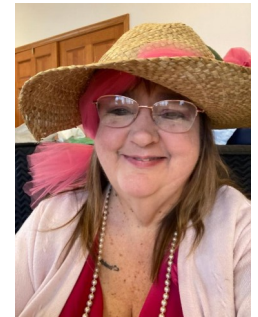
Pat Williams



*Cindy Edgerly
Sharon Parker*



Gayle Richards



Karen Manning

Calendar of Events

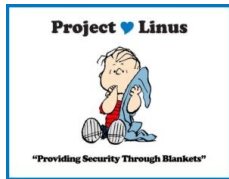
Please join us!

All events take place in the FUMC Chapel unless otherwise noted.
For more info: Amy Cook, Eileen Foss, Gayle Richards, Donna Downes

<p>Saturday, May 9th 9:30AM Celebrating Mothers Bring your family for games & breakfast! Donation collection for Hope on Haven Hill</p> <p>Wednesday, June 17th 5:30PM Who Are Your Sisters in Christ? Dinner out! Location TBA Donation collection for Project Linus</p> <p>No membership meeting in July or August</p> <p>Saturday, September 12th 9:30AM There's Beauty in the Air Crafting for the holiday fair Donation collection for Waypoint</p>	<p>Saturday, October 10th 9:30AM Spreading Holiday Cheer Finish crafts for holiday fair, Xmas cards for NH Veterans Home Donation collection for Hope on Haven Hill</p> <p>November--no membership meeting; please volunteer at the Holiday Fair!</p> <p>Saturday, December 12th 11:30AM What Sweeter Music & Family Potluck Lunch <i>All are welcome!</i> Bring your family (yes, men, too!) to celebrate the year and the holiday! Annual Meeting, Elections, Family Potluck Lunch, Hymn Sing, Yankee Swap Donation collection for Project Linus</p>
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Missions and Outreach

*History in the Making or
Shall we say "Quilting?"*



In the 1980's FUMC United Methodist Women invited the founder of ABC Quilts to a meeting. From that meeting the UMW then starting making quilts for babies in hospitals in Boston with Aids until they closed the Northwood Chapter.

The chapter referred the UMW to Project Linus that made blankets for children newborn to 18 years old who need comforting, may be sick or experiencing trauma. From there, the FUMC Project Linus team was born. They have been making quilts, afghans and fleece blankets ever since.

Our blankets are given to the Project Linus Seacoast Chapter. The Chapter Director forwards them to health and service agencies in Rockingham and Strafford Counties that give them to children in need of comfort. We can also provide a blanket if you know of a child in need of comfort.

Our blankets are dedicated during worship on Sundays near Valentines Day, Mothers Day and Veterans Day. **The next dedication is Mothers Day, May 10th during worship service.** Please have all completed blankets to church before Saturday, May 9th either in the office or the Project Linus Room. Thanks!

A special thank you to all who make this possible. The UWif and all others that have given financially for support. To Auger & Sons Inc for sharpening our scissors, keeping our machines running, and recent donation of a sewing machine. Also, thanks to a special donation from FUMC /UWif of many precut fabrics. This has inspired us to hold a Quilt-A-thon soon. Keep in touch. There will be ways for all to participate.



Want to become part of this special ministry? All are welcome to come, no experience is necessary. There is always something for everyone to do. Help us to bring comfort to a child through a blanket.



We gather on Mondays nights from 6-8 and Wednesday mornings from 9-11. For further information please contact Cindy Edgerly.

SAVE THE DATE

Granite State Choral Society presents
Sandra M. Thomas, Artistic Director
Kathy Fink & Adelyn Nelson, Pianists

An afternoon of
Rustic Rhythm & Jazz

Saturday
May 2 @ 4pm
First United Methodist Church
34 South Main Street
Rochester, NH

Sunday
May 3 @ 4pm
First Church Congregational
63 South Main Street
Rochester, NH

GENERAL ADMISSION
Tickets are per person
\$12 online/ \$15 at the door
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.GSCHORALSOCIETY.ORG

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Granite State Ringers

SPIRITED BELLS

Saturday, May 30- 7pm
Plainfield Town Hall
1079 NH-12 A, Plainfield, NH

Sunday, May 31- 3pm
Star Theatre
120 Rogers Rd, Kittery, ME

Saturday, June 6- 7pm
First Parish Church
218 Central Ave, Dover NH

Sunday, June 7- 3pm
Derry Opera House
29W Broadway
Derry, NH

Welcome to
**JOHN WESLEY'S
NEW ROOM**

'Be rooted in the faith... and grounded in love'
~ John Wesley ~ 1730

Wesleyan Heritage Tour Presentation

SUNDAY, MAY 17 AFTER WORSHIP

Bring a small dish of finger foods to share with others

SAVE THE DATE

A Singspiration
Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing

Meadersboro Community Church
151 Meadersboro Rd, Rochester, NH

Sunday, May 17, 2026
6:00 pm

All are welcome
Come and enjoy music and praise together.

Don Plummer,
Pastor of Northwood AC Church
will lead with voice and trumpet

Sponsors: Meadersboro Community Church and Third Baptist Church of Strafford.



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

“GROWING FUMC TOGETHER”

Sunday, May 31 After Worship
Lunch will be provided.

**THOSE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ARE INVITED.**



SAVE THE DATE

9TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Photo Intake
Friday, April 24, 6-8pm
Saturday, April 25, 10am-Noon

Award Reception
Wednesday, May 20 at 7 pm

Photos will be on display in Hurd Hall
following the judging and awards.



FUMC MISSION TEAM

June 28-July 1, 2026
United Methodist Economic Ministry, Salem, ME

JOIN THE MISSION TEAM TO WORK FOR
HOME REPAIRS, THRIFT SHOP, FOOD PANTRY, ETC.

CONTACT KEN DOWNES FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Sign-up sheet located in the Welcome Center.
Are you interested in learning more or attending?
Workshop training: **Sunday, June 7th** after Worship Service.