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**Let us not become weary in
doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap a harvest if
we do not give up.**

Galatians 6:9



Turkey Supper

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Assorted Pies & Drink

Saturday, October 10, 4:30-6 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church
34 S. Main St. Rochester, NH**

Adult \$12 (Advance) / \$15 (At the door)
Children ages 5-12 \$6 /under 5 free

For tickets, contact 603-948-1179 or
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Stewardship Sunday

On October 25th pledge cards for
2027 will be turned in during the
worship service.

*Like good stewards of the mani-
fold grace of God, serve one
another with whatever gift each
of you has received.*

1 Peter 4: 10



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th
IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY**



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Family and Friends of FUMC,

Looking back on my trip to Hong Kong and Korea this summer, what stays with me most isn't the famous landmarks, grand architecture, or breathtaking views. What remains deeply etched in my heart is the unexpected kindness and extraordinary generosity of the people I met throughout the trip.

I have always considered myself a generous person. Whenever someone extends a favor or offers help, my natural reaction is to repay it—and ideally, to give back even more generously than I received. It's part of how many of us are wired: we like to keep the ledger balanced.

Yet on this journey, I found myself in situations where people offered hospitality and care that was far greater than anything I could calculate or repay. They didn't offer their kindness as a transaction or expect anything in return; they gave simply out of pure love, thoughtfulness, and genuine goodwill. In those overwhelming moments, I realized there was no way to "pay them back." All I could do—and all they wanted from me—was to look them in the eye and say, "Thank you."

Christian stewardship operates in the exact same way. So often, we treat our relationship with God like a spiritual contract. We secretly think of our giving, our volunteering, and our church involvement as ways to balance the scale or pay God back for His blessings. But the Gospel shatters that mindset. The love and grace God offers us through Jesus Christ are infinite, unearned, and priceless. There is no donation big enough, no service long enough, and no sacrifice great enough to ever "pay back" what Christ did on the cross. God's grace is a free, overflowing gift. All God asks of us in return is a simple, wholehearted "Thank you."

As we enter Stewardship Month this October, let us remember that our giving is not a payment, a membership fee, or a spiritual duty. Stewardship is simply our natural response to an overwhelming gift. When we truly grasp how deeply we are loved by God, our hearts naturally overflow with gratitude. We give, serve, and love our neighbors not to pay off a debt, but to express our joy and pass that same generosity along to the world.

May our stewardship this season be marked by deep gratitude for what we could never earn, and a joyful desire to share God's abundant grace with everyone we meet.

With a thankful heart,
Ho-Soon

October



If you do not see your birthday listed, or date is incorrect, please contact the church office to up-

4	Seth Walker	19	Frank Gulinello, Jr.
5	Peyton Saucier	20	Debra Boynton
8	Pat Williams	21	Sophia Rice
11	Vasant Dass	22	Connor Wilderman
11	Dennis Schafer	24	Izabelle Brill
11	Skip Smith	26	Emma Gagne
14	Keegan Tompson	27	Eben Tompson
16	Roseann Benoit	29	Jordan Meehan
16	Roy Brill	29	Jenka Wachter
16	Tim Hill	31	Logan Hudson
18	Sinehan Combs		



October 1– Nina and Doug Sanborn
 October 3– James and Kandia Watson
 October 10– Diana and Frank Milinski
 October 11– Ryan and Jordan Fowler
 October 14– Skip and Linda Smith
 October 23– Rick and Kathy Mills
 October 26– Charlie and Anni DeVito

*God's beauty Is
Found
Everywhere!*



*Have you
looked
For it today?*

Acolyte

4	Declan Meehan	Donna Walter/ Debbie Boynton
11	Madilyn Gabbard	Pat Hewitt
18	Katie Pyrich	Debbie Boyton/ Marianne Gustafson
26	Natalia Hernandez Parsell	Don and Sue Raab

Ushers

Liturgists

4	Eileen Foss	Sam and Lorie Tweedy
11	Sharon Parker	Sue Parsell
18	Don Raab	Eileen Foss
26	Cynthia Sparks	Pat Hewitt

Greeters

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

October 4

World Communion Sunday/Disciple Bible Study Graduation
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
"Like the Master, Like the Follower"

October 11

Exodus 32:1-14
Matthew 16:13-20
(one of the Lectionary Readings I didn't preach on in August)
"Like Moses, Like Peter"
Children's Message-Kristen Sturtevant

October 18

Exodus 33:12-23
Matthew 16:21-28
"Like the Father, Like the Son"
Children's Message-Michele Leahey

October 25

Stewardship Sunday
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Matthew 22:34-46
"Like the Holy One, Like the Beloved"
Children's Message-Michelle Pyrich

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship season begins on October 11 and will culminate on Stewardship Sunday, October 25. The stewardship letter with annual commitment cards will be mailed out in early October and the pledge cards will be dedicated on Stewardship Sunday.

2026 Church Conference

The Church Conference will be held on November 10 at 6:30 p.m. at First UMC in Portsmouth. This will be a combined Church Conference as part of the Oceanside Cooperative Parish, which includes United Methodist churches in Dover, Greenland, Hampton, Portsmouth, and Rochester. Please plan to attend as we review and celebrate the ministries and accomplishments of FUMC in 2026. We will arrange carpooling from church. Please let us know if you would like a ride or are able to drive others.

"Feed the Need"

*Our Church's Mission Statement is:
Putting our Faith into Motion, by feeding the body,
mind and soul...*

**Will you help us to "Feed the Need?"
Stewardship Sunday, October 25th**

Our annual stewardship campaign is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on God's generosity, sharing that which is given to us, and used to share with others.

Please prayerfully consider your giving of your time, talent and treasure as a response for God's goodness in your life. Volunteer as an usher, greeter, in the Nursery or Fellowship Kitchen, as part of the Altar Guild, or the choirs as part of your pledge of thankfulness, sharing those gifts you have been given.



Estimate of Giving Cards are also an important pledge to your church. This year we are asking everyone to fill out a card, even if you regularly give through VANCO and/or there is no change in the amount. As always, thank you for the many ways you support the ministries of FUMC!



OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir 7pm District 15AA	2	3 10am AA Group
4 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship 1pm- MYF Apple Picking 5PM Fellowship kitchen	5 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Project Linus 7pm FINANCE	6 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts	7 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm SPPRC with the DS	8 10am AA Group 12:30pm Men's Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Seacoast Carvers	9 Turkey Supper Prep and Set-up	10 10am AA Group 4:30pm TURKEY DINNER 
11 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Christian Ed 5pm Fellowship kitchen	12 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Project Linus 6:30pm WORSHIP	13 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts 7pm TRUSTEES	14 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts 6PM RFK Meeting	15 NEWLETTER DEADLINE 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir	16	17 930am UWIF 10am AA Group
18 9:30 am Worship MYF Corn Maze 5pm Fellowship kitchen	19 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Project Linus 6pm Lay Leaders 7pm ADMIN. COUNCIL	20 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Patrol Leader 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts	21 8am Rochester Mental Health All. 9am Project Linus 11am and 6pm Pie making 6pm Cub Scouts	22 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Seacoast Carvers	23	24 10am AA Group  ROCHESTER 12 TO 3PM
25 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Souped Up Sunday 5pm Fellowship kitchen	26 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Project Linus 6:30pm SPPRC	27 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts	28 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Schouts	29 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir	30 Youth Lock-in 6pm until 6am	31 10am AA Group HAPPY HALLOWEEN 



FUMC HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

The creation of the Wesleyan Chapel in 1825 and the men responsible for building it has been well documented previously in this series so we will continue with our study of our Pastoral Heritage.

In 1826 an act of incorporation was granted to James C. Cole, Charles Dennett, Simon Chase, Ebenezer D. Trickey, and Abner Hodgdon, as Trustees of this society. Rev. Charles Baker was the preacher in charge. Two years after, he went to Maine where he was for many years a popular preacher and presiding Elder. He died a few years since in Somerville, Mass., leaving two sons who are members of the Baltimore Conference. (McDuffee, 1988, 265)

When Reverend Charles Baker was born on 7 August 1797, in Scituate, Providence, Rhode Island, United States, his father, Jeremiah Baker, was 40 and his mother, Sarah Burton, was 38. He married Hannah Dearborn on 1 June 1823, in Plymouth, Grafton, New Hampshire. They were the parents of at least 6 sons and 4 daughters. In 1857 he and his wife became the principal founders of the First Methodist-Episcopal Church in Somerville. He died on 16 August 1864, in Somerville, Middlesex, Massachusetts, at the age of 67, and was buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Middlesex, Massachusetts. (Misc. taken from WikiTree.com and FamilySearch.com)

Rev. John E. Risley was pastor during the years 1827-28. The former year was not prosperous, being disturbed by the "come-outers" under the lead of the notorious "Abby Folsom," then a member of this church. The latter year, however, was one of great prosperity. More than fifty members were added, and a parsonage was built at a cost of \$400 (\$14,061 in today's currency). (McDuffee, 1988, 265)

Rev. Risley was born in 1802 and died on October 6, 1889 in Framingham, Middlesex, Massachusetts. (Findagrave.com)

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

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, and me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father Son, and Holy Spirit,

Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

Stewardship

A WAY OF LIFE

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV

Christian Education

Future Gen

Prek-5th

October 4– *A Good Ruler– (Tammy Roberge)*

October 11– *Teaching and Healing– (Jane Combs)*

October 18– *Bartimaeus Sees– (Michelle Pyrich)*

October 25– *The Widows Offering– (Erin Saucier)*



Jr. Sr. High– 6-12th

October 4– *Stay in Church, Communion*

October 11– *Echo - Signs and Wonders (John and Kristen)*

October 18– *Echo - Persecution and Growth (Kristen and John)*

October 25– *Echo– Peter– (Dan)*



MYF

*Come and join us for
fellowship, food
and fun!*

For more information
please contact
Alex or Maddie
Wilderman

Upcoming MYF schedule of events

October 4– Apple Picking 1-3pm

October 18– Corn Maze 4pm

October 30th at 6pm– to October 31 at 6am– Lock-in

November 15th– Movie Night 5pm-7:30 pm (time dependent on movie)



Personal Concerns– cont.

Benjamin Horta; Debra Scarponi; Elaine Hartford; Monique Bamford; Maddie Zayla Rosea; Bishop Mariann Bedde; Russell Scott; Bill; Steve; Sue St. Peter; Camden; Stephanie; Kristen; Dave Lemire; David Lindsay; Mike; Mike; Carol; Larry; Francine Dion; Frank Locke; Jan Becker; Peter; John Hebert and wife Tina; Debbie Smith; Mike Buceiri; Lee and Michael Wygant; Betsy Fisher; Linda Rankin, Margaret and Makeyla, Amanda Tweedy; Sarah; David Smith; Glenn Cooper; Patty Ernest; Trica Oliver; Christina Napolitano; Randy; Steve; Jakob; Pastor John Hutchinson; Bonnie Succi; Samantha Cole; Ara Tamzarian; Martha Fantasia; Matt Chase; Denise C; Nancy Warren; Barry Ellsworth; Bob E.; Pat Neal; Dale Marino; John Landers; David Lindsay; Mike and Carol Chick; Carole Albert; Rebecca Laurion; Carol; Tammy and Charlie Allard; Allison; Paul and Cheryl; Tammy and Charlie Allard; Robin Sandborn; Carol; Denise Wilcox; Erin, Emily, Aden and Jane; Carole; Mike Torres; Hailey Raab; Nick Rosic; Deb Storrs; 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; Ellen Drew; Ron Zielfelder; Carole; Roger Fraser; 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; Bob H.; Paul Lessard; Betty; Cory; Bob Walker; Carol Carr; Jackie and Husband; Donna Blair; Doug Coons; Tori; Rosemary Guptill; Glenn LaRoche; Clio; Jeff Grote; Jack Jones; Steve Dube; Chris Pinkey; Jackie Morganti; Claire; Claudette and Deb; Frank Coleman; Elizabeth and Matt Wood; Jane; Pat Froh; Paul; Bill Wise; Julie; Carole Albert; Abbie; Stephanie; Avery Therrien; Jade; Dan Morissette; Karen's Husband; David Kovar and Hilary Justice; Bob Hollis; Nancy Manning; Cheryl; Dottie Bickford-Longo; Carole; Kristy Tweedy; Lorie Tweedy; Karen Clarke; Jesse Eldrich; Rich and Jane Combs, George, Bill Benson; Joe Ferriera; Mark Coons; Arty Jones; David and Elaine Lindsay; people near wildfires and firefighters; Brenda Longver; Bob and Roxanne Benoit; Jesse Eldridge; Leon Benoit; David Jones; Families in Turmoil; Karen Labrecque's husband; **Gerry; Kathy McHugh; Mike Lemieux; Larry Edgerly; Kathy Codling; Charlotte Libby and her brother Jason; Carol Park; Susan Varney; Barry Cone; Margaret Combs; Jennifer Livingston; Michael; Project Linus to find a coordinator; Mary Rosic; Baby girl**

Prayers of condolences for the Family and Friends of:

Barbara Cann Calista; Mary Grindstaff

Prayers for the Ministry we support:

Dr. Belinda Forbes and Family





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.**

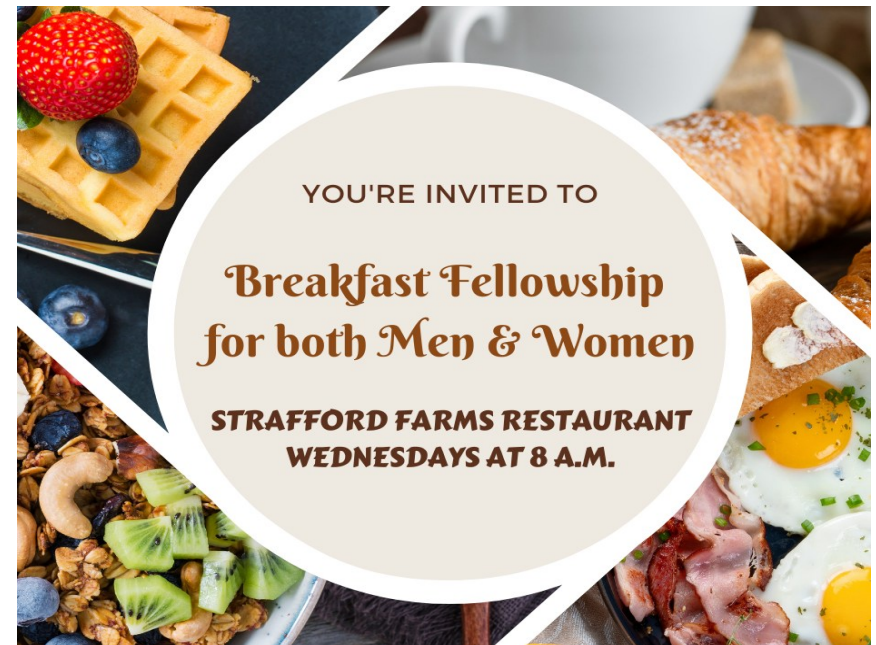
Concerns- General

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; Bertha and Lester Huckins; Henry and Janice Wolforth; Larry Edgerly; 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 Sylvest-er; Carrie; Amy B; John; Sister Katie Hoelscher; Valerie; Susan Morissette; Nancy; Katie Jean Sharp; Fred Hildebrant; William Bujold; Robert and Dan Devold; 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 Guptill; 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 Sylvain; Hazel; Dona Sanborn; James; Dave and Natalie Lemier; Faith Williams; Franchesca Panniello; Barb and Ron Rafferty; Kelsie Sargent and parents; Rankins; Lisa; Julie Tweedy; Kelly; Doug Lindsay; Chantelle; Carolyn

Church Happenings



CROSSROADS EMMAUS
OF NEW ENGLAND

**Upcoming Walk Dates:
Thursday, October 15– October 18, 2026**

The Walk to Emmaus, not a physical walk, is a journey of fellowship, fun and enlightenment, helping the participants renew their connections with Christ and consider Christ's model of servanthood.

If you are interested in attending the upcoming Men or Women's Walk, or wish to sponsor a pilgrim, please contact Kelly Hearn, Pat Hewitt or Donna Downes.

The Agape Team is in need of volunteers. Please contact Pat Hewitt for more information.

Church Happenings



Saturday, October 24th
12—3pm for Trick or Treat

Rochester Main Street is hosting the business Trick or Treat event on October 24th from 12– 3 pm.

We are looking for donations of candy, chips, cookies, all in the original packaging, (no nut items please), and non-edible items such as pencils, crayons, coloring books, etc to distribute. Please drop off your items in the church office.

Volunteers are also needed to hand out the candy.

Faithful Through the Years:
A Concert of Gratitude
Benefit concert for the Steeple Restoration Fund



Ted & Wendy Hagarty
Clarinet & Trumpet

Mark Thallander
Organ

Richard Gress
Organ

November 7 at 4 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
34 S. Main St., Rochester, NH

FUMC Choir
Witherell Ringers
Other Musical Guests

REFRESHMENTS AFTER CONCERT
SUGGESTED TICKET PRICE \$20

CONTACT THE CHURCH FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION
office@firstumcrochester.org 603-948-1225




LET'S MAKE PIES

Wednesday, October 21
11 a.m./6p.m.

THE BAKED GOODS TABLE IS BRINGING BACK FROZEN APPLE & BLUEBERRY PIES THIS YEAR. PIES ARE \$15 EACH AND WILL BE PRE-SOLD AFTER CHURCH ON OCTOBER 4, 11, AND 18. FUNDS ARE DUE AT THE TIME OF SALE & PIES SHOULD BE PICKED UP AT THE BAKED GOODS TABLE DURING THE HOLIDAY FAIR.

Flour, sugar, and Crisco donations are greatly appreciated!



Fellowship Kitchen Volunteers

Have passion for feeding the hungry?
Do you hear Jesus saying
"You gave me food when I was hungry?"
Join the Fellowship Kitchen volunteers

YOU CAN JOIN A CURRENT TEAM OR
BUILD YOUR OWN TEAM OR
VOLUNTEER AS NEEDED

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT ELAINE MENARD
KQUIGLEY50@GMAIL.COM



VOLUNTEER TO BE GREETERS & USHERS

Contact Marianne Gustafson
at jjmgus@gmail.com

GREETERS

USHERS

WELCOME

A warm welcome. A lasting impact.
Be the reason someone feels at home.



NEW FROM N.O.W. Nurture, Outreach, and Witness

Upcoming Missions



November 15th– Souped up Sunday. Check you upcoming weekly bulletins for dates for January, February, March and April .



Collecting food donations for Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas.



Blessing Stars-Tree will be located in the Welcome Center during the holiday season. Please remove a tag and replace it with item noted on the tag.

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.

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NEW FROM N.O.W. Nurture, Outreach, and Witness



October 4th Birthdays & Blessings

If you have a special blessing to celebrate, please leave a message in the office for Pat Hewitt or any member of the NOW committee.

Coffee hour- We are looking for church groups and committees to host an event. A sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center. Please help us provide this important ministry of hospitality.



October 25th- Souped Up Sunday

Now committee meets the on the third Sunday of the month after worship service. For more information please contact Pat Hewitt.

Mission of the Month October and November

We are accepting donations of personal hygiene items. (any size product). Items suggestions are soap, shampoo, personal hygiene wipes, hand sanitizer, feminine products, etc.



Please leave your donations in the bin in the Welcome Center.

Thank you in advance for your donations.



Share With God's people who are in need.
Practice Hospitality. *Romans 12:13 NIV*

Church Happenings FUMC HOLIDAY FAIR



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
8AM- 1PM
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!

As you are doing Fall cleaning, consider donating your items in good usable condition! Please sort & clean donations before bringing in. It costs the church to discard junk items. Thank you!

SET-UP ROOMS- SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14 at 9AM

Donations can be dropped off on **SUNDAY, November 15th** from 9-12.
There may not be help during church service.
MON-Weds from 9am- 1pm and 5:00 pm -7 pm .

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER WEDS
NO EXCEPTIONS! THURSDAY & FRIDAY are work days.

ONLY FOOD ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT IN ON FRIDAY
or Early on Saturday by 8am.

A lot of help will be needed & greatly appreciated throughout the week to sort out, display & price items. Please, Come in when you can to help as well as workers during the fair! Sign-Ups will be out in the Welcome Center.

COOKIE WALK- Please ask Sharon Parker to donate cookies or how you can help!

ATTIC TREASURES : Items should be clean & in good usable condition. NO old computers or old tv's (only flat screen) . NO Furniture. Please keep in mind that it costs the church money to throw things in the dumpster.

GIFT ROOM – We will take donations of homemade crafts & gifts.

JEWELRY – This is always a nice gift to have. Women's ,Men's and Children

CHRISTMAS ROOM – New & Gently used Christmas decorations & items. Please thoroughly sort before donating to keep our costs down.

Church Happenings

FUMC HOLIDAY FAIR



GARDEN GALLERY ~ Plant donations of house plants & perennials. Please label your plants as many buyers want to know what the plant/flower is and how to care for it. Also donations of plant pots, vases, watering cans and gardening essentials!

USED BOOKS ~ DONATIONS– SPEAK TO MARIANNE GUS-TAFSON or DEBBIE BOYNTON.

Books can be hard cover or paper back in gently used condition. Please, no torn covers or pages ;not musty smelling .

No Encyclopedias , National Geographic, textbooks, or magazines of any kind! Bring books early as we quickly get overwhelmed and have to cut off donations by Tuesday!

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 & 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! Any questions can be directed to Kaitlyn Ciccarello and Michele LeaheyThe Holiday Fair team is

A message from Trustees

On Tuesday, September 22, 2026, FUMC was host to the visiting team from LCHIP. Kenny Downes, Jon Pyrich and Kent Marzoli met with the four gentlemen from LCHIP, answered their questions and took them on a tour of our facility. They told us that they have 40 applicants asking for about \$4.7 Million but will only have about \$3.5 Million to award this year. The LCHIP Board will meet on November 16 to review the recommendations of the visiting teams and will begin to notify the awardees on the 17th of November. We pray that we will be one of the awardees this year.

Missions and Outreach



United
Women
in Faith

President– Amy Cook
Vice President– Gayle Richards
Treasurer– Eileen Foss
Secretary– Donna Downes

Upcoming Schedule of Events

October 10 at 9:30 am– Crafting for Holiday Fair

November 21– No meeting this month. Please sign up for a shift for the Holiday Fair

December 12 at 11:30– Family potluck, Yankee Swap (gift max. \$10), Caroling

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

Project ♥ Linus



In late fall, the current NH Seacoast Project Linus Chapter Volunteer Coordinator is retiring. In order to keep this chapter going, a volunteer coordinator is needed.

Please spread the word and pray someone will volunteer for this wonderfully rewarding position. The blankets that are made bring comfort to so many children and youth in our area.

Our next blanket dedication will be Sunday, November 8th during worship service. Please have completed blankets at the church no later than Friday, November 6th. Thank you.

Project Linus will continue to meet on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings. You do not need to know how to sew, there are a lot of different steps to putting a quilt together, cutting fabric, pinning, tacking, and ironing, maybe you could help. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Cindy Edgerly for more information.