



The Messenger

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While the earth remaineth,
seedtime and harvest, and
cold and heat, and summer
and winter, and day and
night shall not cease.
Genesis 8:22

Laity Sunday – October 12

We will celebrate Laity Sunday at FUMC on October 12th.

Stewardship Sunday – October 26th

On this Sunday we pledge to support the church through our time, talents, and gifts knowing that everything comes from God, given to us to be good stewards of.

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY**



Office hours will be changed from October 14th to October 30th.

New hours are 10-12 with the office being closed on Friday, October 24th.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear family and friends of FUMC,

This time of year, as autumn colors paint the trees in shades of gold, red, and amber, I'm reminded of how one season leans into the next. The beauty of October is that it honors what has come before—the warmth of summer's growth—while preparing the ground for what lies ahead. In many ways, this is the life of the church as well.

I often picture it like stacking balance rocks. At first, I assumed the most important stone was the one on the bottom—flat, steady, and strong enough to carry the weight of everything above it. But then I realized something deeper: the stone on top matters just as much. How it leans, how it presses, how it gives stability back to the stone below—this is what makes the whole structure stand.



So it is with human community, and so it is with the church. Those who go before us lay a firm foundation. Their faith, sacrifice, and vision have given us something solid to stand on. But it is not enough to simply revere the past—it is our calling to build upon it. Those who come after us depend on what we will do here and now, with respect and reverence, to make something beautiful and fruitful out of what has been entrusted to us.

Here at FUMC, we live in this rhythm all the time:

- We **revere the past** by remembering the saints who came before us, the traditions that ground us, and the ministries that shaped our story.
- We **endeavor in the present** by feeding the hungry, comforting the hurting, teaching the next generation, and gathering in worship and fellowship.
- We **prepare for the future** by creating a church where children, youth, and newcomers can discover God's love, where new ministries can grow, and where hope continues to take root.

Every generation, every life, is like a stone in the stack—resting on what came before, offering stability to what will come after. And through it all, God is the true builder. God's hand holds every stone, every life, every generation together in the blueprint of God's reign.

As we walk through this beautiful fall season, may the turning leaves remind us of God's faithfulness in every season of life. Together, we are being built into something beautiful—stone upon stone, life upon life, in Christ.

In peace,
Ho-Soon

October

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



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

Liturgists

5	African Childrens' Choir
12	Trish Croteau
19	Ariane Ludwig
26	John Wilderman

Greeters

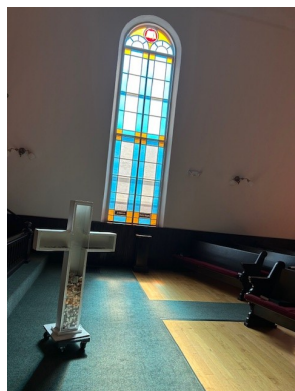
Lorie and Sam Tweedy
Sue Parsell
Pat Hewitt/ Eileen Foss
Carl Mallaber and Bev Wheeler

Acolyte

5	Alejandra Hernandez Parsell
12	Madilyn Gabbard
19	Charlotte Pyrich
26	Nora Rice

Ushers

Donna Walter/ Marianne Gustafson
Don and Susan Raab
Deb Boynton/ Marianne Gustafson
Pat Hewitt



*God's beauty
Is
Found
Everywhere!*

*Have you looked
For it today?*

*Happy
Anniversary*

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

Feed the Need

To be disciples, living and teaching the Word of God

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

October 5th

World Communion Sunday

African Children's Choir

John 17:20-23

Being in Harmony

October 12th

Celebration of Lay Ministry

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Awe-Filled Church

October 19th

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Awe-Creating God

October 26th

Stewardship Sunday

Guest Preacher Matt Meyer

Pastor's Continuing Education

Ho-Soon is enrolled in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at Havenwood Heritage Heights in Concord, NH. This extended unit runs from October through April and includes a half-day of classroom learning on Wednesday mornings and clinical hours on Fridays each week.

CPE is a nationally recognized program that helps pastors grow in skills for pastoral care, spiritual listening, and ministry with people in times of need. Please keep Ho-Soon in your prayers during this season of learning and growth, as she continues to deepen her ministry both within our congregation and beyond.

"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 26th**

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!



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*

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts	2 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir 7pm District 15AA	3	4 10am AA Group
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship BIRTHDAYS AND BLESSINGS 5PM Fellowship kitchen	6 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Project Linus 7pm FINANCE	7 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Boy Scouts	8 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm - STEEPLE COMMITTEE	9 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Seacoast Carvers	10 Turkey Supper Prep and Set-up 7pm - CONCERT WITH ROGER SAYER	11 10am AA Group 4:30pm TURKEY DINNER
12 LAITY SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Christian Ed 5pm Fellowship kitchen	13 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Project Linus 6:30pm WORSHIP	14 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Boy Scouts	15 NEWLETTER DEADLINE 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts	16 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir	17	18 10am AA Group
19 9:30 am Worship 5pm Fellowship kitchen	20 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Project Linus 7pm ADMIN. COUNCIL	21 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm TRUSTEES	22 9am Project Linus 1pm Pie making 6pm Pie making 6pm Cub Scouts	23 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Seacoast Carvers	24	25 10am AA Group 11-12 PM CRAFTING 12-3 PM TRICK OR TREAT 
26 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Guest Speaker: Matt Meyer 5pm Fellowship kitchen	27 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Project Linus 6:30pm SPPRC	28 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Boy Scouts	29 9am Project Linus	30 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	

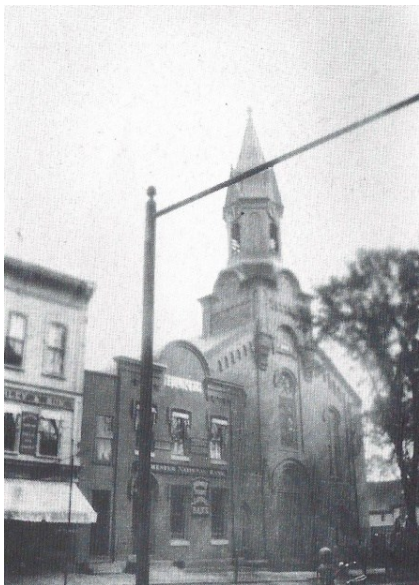
Attention All Crafters!

Are you creating items for the gift room at the Holiday Fair, or are you simply seeking craft supplies?

There is a large table by the windows in Hurd Hall, brimming with a variety of crafting materials. Please feel free to browse and see if there's anything you can utilize. Any leftovers will be donated to the Holiday Fair.

FUMC HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

This next picture shows the church with the two corner pinnacles and the corner pedestals on the steeple removed. The bank is now a two story building. The signs on the bank read Rochester National Bank and the Norway Plains Savings Bank.



The Rochester National Bank was incorporated in 1874. The Rochester Telephone Company was situated on the second floor of the bank building at one time. Since the Rochester National Bank did not exist until 1874 this would suggest that the first picture had to be taken before that date. Therefor I would propose that we fix the date of the first picture at 1868-1874 or just 1868 for simplicity.

It would be interesting to know when the bank building was expanded to add a second floor as this would help to narrow down the dates even further. More research will be required.

To be continued

Kent Marzoli, Records and History

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship season begins on October 12 and will culminate on Stewardship Sunday, October 26. The stewardship letter with annual commitment cards will be mailed out in early October and the pledge cards will be dedicated on Stewardship Sunday. This year Matt Meyer will be the guest preacher for Stewardship Sunday.

Matt Meyer is an itinerant preacher and musician, bringing music and worship to hundreds of congregations across the country. He serves as Director of Operations for Sanctuary Boston, a contemporary worship community that centers music and ritual.



Matt is also a published children's book author whose story "Desmond Gets Free" won a Nautilus award for social justice in children's fiction.

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.

Philipians 4:6-7 NRSV

ELECTRONIC GIVING SUPPORTS FUMC

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- *Search for **Rochester-NH First United Methodist Church**
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- *Click the acknowledgement that the payment is subject to the National ACH Association Rules (standard Bank processing Rules)
- **If you would like to help offset the fees FUMC pays for this service, click the "Cover processing Fees" button which adds an additional 2% to your donation amount.*
- *The total amount of the donation and fees (if applicable) will show in the Red Give Button.
- *Click if you agree. A Summary page will appear.
- *Click Submit.

It's that easy! Every donation sent thru Vanco is received directly into the Church's account, is recorded, and is then used to help keep the Church running so it can support the local community. On behalf of the Finance Committee, I thank you for using Vanco!

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Would you like to be part of the worship team on Sunday morning by being a liturgist, usher or greeter, or maybe just want more information?

Please contact:

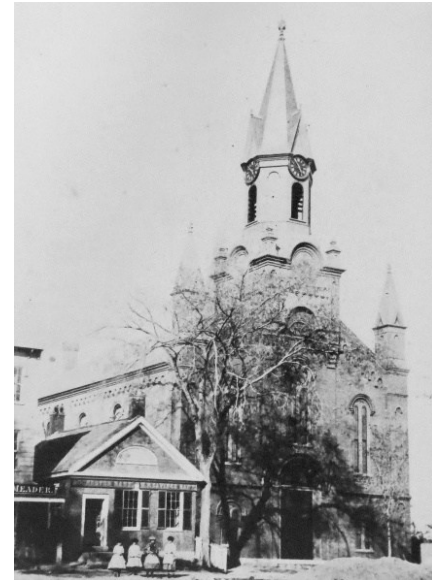
Greeters and Ushers— Marianne Gustafson at 603-534-3513 or jjimgus@gmail.com

Liturgists— Karen Manning at 207-651-3026 or ktlady104@aol.com



FUMC HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

After doing some recent research on a couple of pictures of our church, I thought it was time to officially put a date on the earliest picture of our church.



This picture shows the church as it was built but we never knew how long it was taken before it was hit by lightning in either 1888 or 1895. Looking at the bank building on the left will give us some clues. This building was built at 22 South Main in 1850. The sign on the bank reads: Rochester Bank – N.P. Savings Bank. According to McDuffee's *History of the Town of Rochester, NH 1722-1890*, the Rochester Bank was incorporated in 1834 and the Norway Plains Savings Bank in 1851.

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Personal Concerns- cont

Dean and Lori; Dave Ropel; Diane and Herb Manwarring; Mei Hayes; Jay Tanger; Eugene and Ruth Hoelscher: Pat Demaris; Lindsay; Todd Masker; Kevin Magner & Family; Randy Marcotte; Joanne Sylvian; Hazel; Marilyn Ives; Dona Sanborn; James; Dave and Natalie Lemier; Faith Williams, Franchesca Panniello; Barb and Ron Rafferty; Carol Thibeau; Kelsie Sargent and parents; Benjamin Horta; Debra Scarponi; Elaine Hartford; Monique Bamford; Lillian; Nancy Dibble; Carol Chick; Maddie Rankins; Lisa; Julie Tweedy; Kelly; Tracy Lang; Shirley Brannock; Carolyn Wilderman; Macee; Maggie; Lily Hess; Tina Weaver; Doug Lindsay; Michael; Chantelle; Carolyn Meehan; Tracy Lange; Roxanne Benoit; Amanda and family; Marilyn and Jack Jones; Robin Stevens; Marianne Gustafson; Jessica Parker; Brad Town; Sara; Seth Jones; Doreen Menard; Michelle Leclair; Bill Hoelscher; Dean Miles, Jennifer Livingston; Henry and Janice Wolforth; Tracy; Baby Alice; Zayla Rosea; Bishop Mariann Bedde; Russell Scott; Ron Town; Bill; Steve; Michele Leahey; Brenda Sewall; Dottie Bickford-Longo; Sue St.Peter; Camden; Stephanie; Kristen; Dave Lemire; Glen Foss; Janet Berube; David Lindsay; Elaine Lindsay; Mike; Francine Dion; Devin Schafer; Mike; Carol; Larry; Elaine Hartford; Janet Berube; Francine Dion; Frank Locke; Jan Becker; Margo the dog; Peter; Hunter; John Hebert and wife Tina; Debbie Smith; Mike Buceiri; Lee and Michael Wygant; Hamas for the return of hostages; Carol Bolduc; Mary Jane Locke; Betsy Fisher; Linda Rankin, Margaret and Makeyla, Elizabeth Wood; Amanda Tweedy; Lynda Ward; Sarah; Jonathan Dowst; Wally Fengler; David Smith; Anthony Mozalak; Debbie Smith; Tom Melzoni and Wife ; Glenn Cooper; Lois Coate; Bob Morse; Laura Puglise; Marian Veno; Patty Ernest; Texas Flood Victims; Kevin and Karen Lindsay; Braden Ross; Trica Oliver; Sharon Parker; Christina Napolitano; Randy; Steve; Jakob; Pastor John Hutchinson; Carl Mallaber; Nell Sylvain; Sam Tweedy; Rebecca Laurion; Bonnie Succci; **Michelle Pyrich; Donna Walter; Samantha Cole; Ara Tamzarian; Diane Jones; Gib Hearn; Martha Fantasia; Michael Mercier, Charles and Vicky Watcher; Dave and Elaine Lindsay; Matt Chase; Pat Neal; Dale Marino; Denise C; John Landers; Victims of Violence**

Renewed prayers for: Ginny; Edna Carr; Lisa McDevitt; Larry Edgerly

Prayers of condolences for the Family and Friends of:
Becky Kneeland; Charlie Kirk

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



Christian Education

Future Gen



October 6-

Worship together, stay in church with your families

Prek-5th Regular scheduled classes

Jr. Sr. High- 6-12th

October 12- Echo 20 Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

October 19- Echo 20 Jesus' Followers

October 26- Echo 22 Hope and Healing

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

**October 5- 6-8 pm- Meeting
October 19th- Meeting time TBD.**

MYF

November 15th- Italian Night!!!!

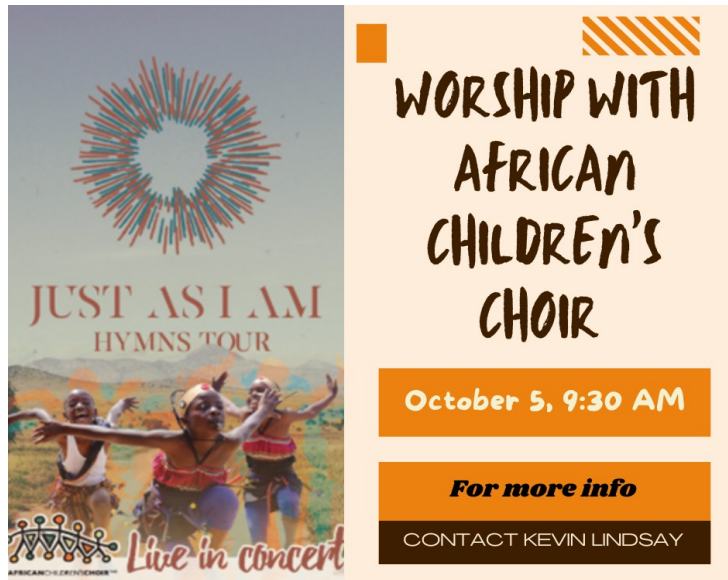
**For more information please contact
Alex Wilderman, or Maddie Adams.**



**CROSSROADS EMMAUS
OF NEW ENGLAND**

The Men's and Women's walks scheduled for October 2025 has been cancelled. Please look for information in upcoming Messengers for next years walk dates in October 2026.

Church Happenings



WORSHIP WITH AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

October 5, 9:30 AM

For more info

CONTACT KEVIN LINDSAY

Rochester Fellowship Kitchen Receives Grant

Rochester Fellowship Kitchen has been awarded a \$3,900 grant from the United Methodist Foundation of New England. On September 10, Rev. Adama Brown, Director of Impact and Grants, presented the check to Elaine Menard and members of the Board. This generous grant will be used to upgrade kitchen equipment, helping volunteer teams prepare meals more efficiently and continue serving our community with care.



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. **Addition to prayer lists.**

Concerns- General

Those who are homeless, hungry and/or unemployed; who struggle with chronic pain; with medical illnesses; safe keeping for our armed service members; an end to gun violence; all who are celebrating LOVE; an end to the war in Ukraine; those dealing with personal stress; those suffering from loss; families in turmoil; those suffering from loss due to hurricanes and natural disasters; those suffering from the messiness in their lives; friends and family fighting cancer; those with financial issues; those struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues and their caregivers; Israel and Jordan for peace; Middle East conflicts; People affected by the wildfires that have lost their home; First Responders; Israel and Jordan for peace; Airline tragedies; Gaza; People affected by the earthquake- loss of jobs, healthcare and other services, deportation; Homeless; unemployed; Military and Veterans; All children; People of Ukraine

Personal Concerns-

Warren Carr; 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; Donna Brills' sister; Gina; Amy B; Dahriz Colwell & Family; John; Sister Katie Hoelscher; Valerie; Susan Morissette; Nancy; Joel Ferreira; Katie Jean Sharp; Fred Hildebrant; William Bujold; Robert; Robert and Dan Devioid; Genny Farkas' dad; Jeanne; Jennifer Livingston, Jill; Callan Mimon; Tim Hill; Ann Moynihan; Jillian; Kelly; Jose Ferreria; Charles Crone; Priscilla; Jim and Becky McQueen; Melissa White; Mary Jane and Carly; Hayden Kessey; Valerie; Patsy Jackson; Jeff; Jackie and Bill Smith; Brannon; Lynn Ricker; Bernie; Gabby; Carol Wiltse; Les and Bertha Huckins; Jessica; Lisa Staple; Rosemary Lucus; Cheryl Flamen; Arlene and Joy; Glenn Gault; Deven Colwell; 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; Paul; Angie; Nathan; Irene; Bill; Karen; Mary Heather; Marcy; Melissa; Rosemary; Carol; Pauline Graham; Anthony; Alieyah, 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; Katie Faucher;

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Recipe(s) of the Month

Apples and Sweets

From the kitchen of Aileen Orchard

2 lbs. sweet potatoes	1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
2/3 cup apple juice	2 TAB. Butter or margarine
2 TAB. dark brown sugar	1 medium granny smith
2 tsp. cornstarch	apple, cored and finely sliced

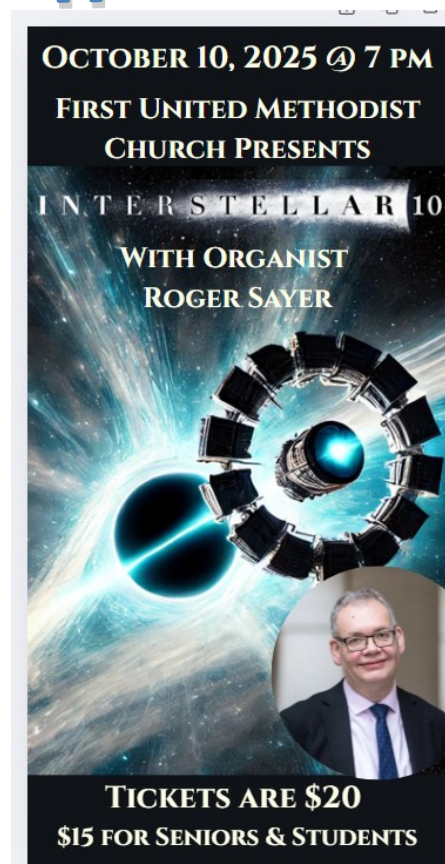
Pierce the sweet potato several time with a fork. Place in microwave oven on 2 layers of paper towels. Microwave on high for 10-13 minutes for med; 12-15 minutes for large potato, turning every 5-8 minutes, until tender when pierced with a fork.

In a medium microwave safe bowl combine apple juice, brown sugar, honey, cornstarch. Microwave on High 3-4 minutes, stir after 2 minutes, until sauce is thickened. Reserve 1/4 cup of sauce and set aside.

Cut sweet potatoes in half; scoop out flesh and place in a medium mixing bowl. Add remaining of sauce and mash until smooth. Spoon into a 9" microwave-safe pie plate. Top with apple slices. Cover with vented plastic wrap and microwave on High 4-6 minutes or until apple is tender. Remove cover and spoon on reserved sauce over apple. Microwave 1 minutes or until sauce is hot. Serves 6.



Church Happenings



How to Purchase Tickets

- **Online:** Through FUMC Secure Ticket page, [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Phone:** Call the church office at (603) 948-1225 (Mon-Fri, 9 am-1 pm)
- **Church office hours:** (See Above hours)
- **At the door:** Tickets may be available for purchase before the show if capacity allows

Church Happenings



Pies for the Holiday Fair– Steeple Restoration Project

Orders have been placed and now it is time to make the pies.



Join us on Wednesday, October 22nd.
We have two shifts available;
1pm– apple peeling and making the crust
6pm– rolling out the crusts and filling the pies.

Please see Michele Leahey or Kaitlin Ciccarello.

Join us on Saturday, October 25

11– 12 for Crafting

12–3pm for Trick or Treat

Rochester Main Street is hosting the their business Trick or Treat event on October 25th 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. Volunteers are also needed to hand out the candy.

Please drop off your items in the church office. For more information please see Donna Brill.



NEWS FROM N.O.W. Nuture, Outreach and Witness



October 26th– Potato Bake. We will offer russets and sweet potatoes. There will be toppings, desserts, treats and snacks and beverages.



November 16th– Souped up Sunday. Mark your calendar for other dates of January 18, February 15th, March 15th and April 12th.



Upcoming Missions

Blessing Stars- Socks and gloves needed
Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Now committee meets the on the third Sunday of the month after worship service. All are always welcome. We would love to have you come and join us. For more information please contact Pat Hewitt.

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.

Also, if you can help by either cooking or buying a meal, we need you! Thank you in advance.

NEWS FROM N.O.W. Nature, Outreach and Witness



October 5th- Birthdays & Blessings
regular fellowship after worship with coffee,
drinks, cake and other goodies for adults and youth

*Special luncheon for the African Children Choir and youth
(chicken nuggets and fries)*

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

Mission of the Month

We are accepting donations of paper goods for the Willand Warming Center as they will be opening for the Winter months.



Donations of paper goods include: toilet tissue, paper towels, and facial tissues and disinfectant wipes.

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 22 , 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!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO DROP OFFS!!
Donations can be dropped off on 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.

Much help will be needed & greatly appreciated throughout the week to sort out, display & price items. Please, Come in when you can to help !
Thank You !!

Help sorting, displaying & pricing would be greatly appreciated , as well as workers during the fair! Sign-Ups will be out in the Welcome Center.

COOKIE WALK- Please ask Sharon Parker how you can help!

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

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

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! (cont. next page)

Church Happenings FUMC HOLIDAY FAIR



USED BOOKS ~ ANY QUESTIONS ON BOOK DONATIONS GO TO MARIANNE 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 . **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 Leahey

Due to MYF Italian Night , Room Set Up will be Saturday November 15 at 10AM if you are available to help and Hurd Hall on Sunday after Church & Souped Up Sunday.

Also, We'll be looking for truck drivers to bring leftover items to Savers on Saturday after the fair Sunday after Service or Monday at the latest will be ok too.

Feel free to contact Pat Hewitt at 603-948-5935 , email pugles4@yahoo.com

Conference Happenings

2025 Church Conference

The Church Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 4 at 7 p.m. at FUMC. Please plan to attend to review and celebrate the ministries of FUMC in 2025.

Missions and Outreach

Saturday, October 18 at 11:30 PM/

Bring lunch

Theme: Spreading Holiday Cheer

Activity :Make crafts to be sold at the Holiday Fair

Mission: Waypoint Youth Center/ Cards for NH Veterans Home



United
Women
in Faith

Saturday, November 15 at 11:30am/ Bring Lunch

Theme: Hearts of Gratitude

Activity: Gratitude Sharing/ Craft finishing for Holiday Fair

Mission: Hope on Haven Hill/ Cards for NH Veterans Home

Saturday, December 20 at 11:30am/ Dessert Social and Yankee Swap

Theme: Holiday Blessings

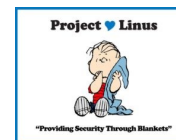
Activity: Vote on and finalize budget for 2026

Mission: Project Linus/ Cards for NH Veterans Home



Saturday, November 8th from 8-1 pm

Please sign up to donate on the Red Cross website www.redcross.blood.org or see Pat Hewitt for more information.



***Project Linus
Monday's at 6pm
Wednesday's at 9am***

A special thank you to all that have donated their time, talents and financial support to this valuable outreach ministry within the Strafford County area.

Our next dedication date is Sunday, November 10th.

Please have your blankets to the church no later than Friday, November 8th.

Thank you in advance for all the blessings you bestow upon others.

For more information please contact Cindy Edgerly.