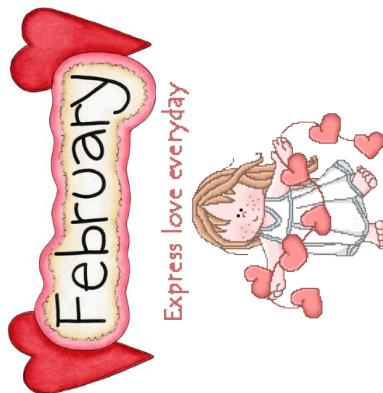


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OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th
In observance of Presidents Day

*Fasting, Prayer,
Spiritual Renewal*



Ash Wednesday , February 18th
7:00 at FUMC
Ecumenical service with UCC

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear family and friends of FUMC,

This past Christmas, my sons gave me two gifts that I would not have chosen for myself: a robot vacuum and a dash cam. To be honest, I wasn't quite sure what to do with either of them at first. I am not especially tech-savvy, so they had to set them up for me. And I wondered whether I would actually use them or simply admire them from a distance.

But as the weeks passed, I began to understand these gifts differently. The robot vacuum quietly moves through my home, tending to the floors without being asked. The dash cam sits faithfully in my car, watching the road, offering an added sense of safety and care. Slowly, almost unexpectedly, these unfamiliar devices became part of my daily life. And as I used them, I realized something deeper: these were not just high-tech gadgets meant for convenience. They were expressions of love.

My sons chose these gifts because they know my life, my rhythms, and my needs—sometimes better than I know them myself. These gifts carry their concern for my well-being, their desire to help me, protect me, and make my everyday life a little easier. In a quiet way, I feel their presence through them. Even when we are apart, their love accompanies me.

This experience has stayed with me as we move into February—a season when we often reflect on love, presence, and care. Love does not always come in dramatic gestures. Often, it arrives in practical forms: something that supports us, watches over us, or quietly serves us in the background. Love notices the small details of daily life and meets us there.

Isn't this also how God often comes to us? God's love is not always loud or flashy. Sometimes it shows up as steady provision, gentle protection, or unseen care that carries us through our days. Like those Christmas gifts, God's presence surrounds us in ways we may not immediately recognize—but once we do, we realize we were never alone.

As we journey through this season together, my prayer is that we would notice the many ways love is already at work in our lives—through family, through community, and through God's faithful presence. May we receive those gifts with gratitude, and may we also become gifts of love to one another in the ordinary, sacred moments of everyday life.

In peace,
Ho-Soon

February



1 Dan Moynihan	13 Teri Whitten
2 Joann Schafer	14 Matthew Peterson
3 Jessica Parker	16 Alejandra Hernandez Parsell
3 Diana Milinski	16 Ruthann Winders
4 Mary Rosic	17 Alex Wilderman
5 Don Raab	18 Nina Sauvan
5 Carl Mallaber	21 Cynthia Sparks
6 Carrie Rice	20 Chris Menard
6 Sam Tweedy	21 Felicia Butterfield Cook
7 Braden Meehan-Ross	22 Wesley Tompson
11 Janie Snyder	23 Corin Molinaro
13 Ann Blackadar	23 Jill Miltner
	28 Julie Wilderman
	28 Gavin Meehan



February 15– Ron and Janie Snyder
February 20– Debrah and CJ Lotter



Worship Assistants



Liturgists

1 Kristen Sturtevant
8 Erin Saucier
15 Michelle Pyrich
22 Patrick Meehan

Greeters

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

February

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Worship COMMUNION 12pm David Wold Recital 5pm Fellowship Kitchen	2 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6 pm Project Linus 7pm FINANCE	3 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts	4 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts PACK 184 6:45 Disciple Bible	5 10AM AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 pm Choir 7pm District 15 AA	6	7 10am AA Group
8 9:30am Worship  Scouts Recognition Sunday 10:30am Christian Ed Meeting 5pm Fellowship Kitchen	9 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Project Linus 6:30pm WORSHIP COMMITTEE	10 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 6:30pm Troop 7pm Scouts 7pm STEEPLE COMMITTEE	11 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts PACK 184 6:45 Disciple Bible	12 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Seacoast Carvers	13	14 10am AA Group HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 
15 9:30am Worship PROJECT LINUS DEDICATION SOUPED UP SUNDAY 5pm Fellowship Kitchen NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6 pm Project Linus 6pm LAY LEADERS 7pm ADMIN	17 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 6pm Patrol Leader 7pm Scouts 7pm TRUSTEES	18 8:30am Rochester 9am Project Linus 6pm Blue and Gold 6pm Cub Scouts PACK 184 7:00pm ASH WEDNES- DAY SERVICE AT FUMC	19 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 pm Choir 6:30pm Pack committee	20	21 10am- AA Group
22 9:30am Worship 5pm Fellowship Kitchen	23 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6 pm Project Linus	24 9:30 Sip N Share 10am Lenten Study 10:00am Lenten Study 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 7pm Lenten Study 7pm Scouts	25 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts 6:45pm Disciple Bible Study	26 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Seacoast Carvers	27	28 10am- AA Group



Worship Assistants

Acolytes

1	Sophia Rice	Donna Walter and Mary Rosic
8	Declan Meehan	Pat Hewitt
15	Natalia Hernandez Parsell	Don and Sue Raab
22	Alejandra Hernandez-Parsell	Deb Boynton and Marianne Gustafson

Ushers

Feed the Need

To be disciples, living and teaching the Word of God

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

February 1st

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

James 1

Matthew 5:1-12

“Wisdom from James 1—Faith Under Pressure”

February 8th

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

James 2

Matthew 5:13-20

“Wisdom from James 2—Faith That Shows Up”
Children’s Message-Michelle Pyrich

February 15th

Transfiguration Sunday

James 3:13-18, 5:13-20

Matthew 17:1-9

“Wisdom from James 3—Faith That Shapes Community”
Children’s Message-Kristen Sturtevant

February 18th

Ash Wednesday

Combined Service with First Church Congregational

February 22nd

First Sunday in Lent

Amos 9:13-14

John 2:1-11

“The Good News Is...so good it catches us by surprise”
Children’s Message-Jane Combs

2026 FUMC DAILY DEVOTIONAL FOR LENT

You are invited to reflect on a scripture
and write a brief devotional and prayer
to share it with the congregation.

Sign up at
firstumcrochester.org

THE DEVOTIONAL WILL BE EMAILED DAILY
TO THE CONGREGATION TO ENRICH OUR LENTEN JOURNEY.

Christian Education

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**Come join us for fun,
fellowship and laughter.**

**February 8th and 22nd from 5-8
Rehearsal for Italian Night**

Please watch the weekly email blasts and the bulletins
for more information regarding dates and time.

Future Gen Jr. and Sr. High

1. *Stay in Church*
8. *Echo— Kingdom Ways*
15. *Lenten Study*
22. *Lenten Study*



Sign up for Lenten Study on “Seven Words-Listening to Christ from the Cross” by Susan Robb.

“ In *Seven Words* Susan Robb looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. The book brings a hopeful and contemplative take on the cross during the weeks of Lent.”

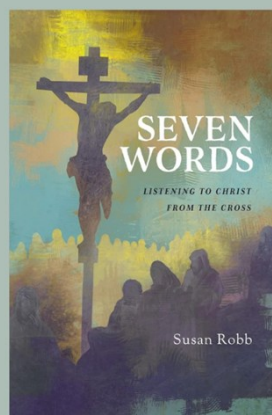
Lenten Study

FEB 24-MAR 31

**TUESDAY MORNINGS
AT 10 AM**

**TUESDAY EVENINGS
AT 7 PM**

Sign up and
order your copy



FUMC HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

(Continued from January 2026 Messenger)

In 1811 Rev. Leonard Frost became pastor, the membership having increased from four to ninety-one. The next year seventeen were added under the ministry of Rev. Abner Clark. (McDuffee 1988, 262)

Rev. Jacob Sanborn, a young man of remarkable ability, was stationed here in 1813. He performed a large amount of work with much profit to the society. After many years of service he died in Concord. (McDuffee 1988, 262)

Rev. Jacob Sanborn was born in Unity, NH, May 16, 1788. He commenced preaching on August 14, 1811 and joined the N. E. Conference in June of 1812. He was an agent for Wesleyan University in 1846. He was stationed at important places in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, as pastor, and in charge of large districts as Presiding Elder. He became a supernumerary in 1850, and a resident of Concord, NH, but preached more or less frequently, often regularly, until May 10, 1863, when he preached for the last time at Pembroke, NH, where he was first stationed by the N. E. Conference in 1812. He died at Concord, NH, March 16, 1867. His second wife, whom he married June 21, 1826, survived him.....Jacob Sanborn "belonged to the heroic age of N. E. Methodism, and was a hero among the moral heroes of that time." He was eminently a good pastor, a powerful preacher, and deserved the excellent reputation which he won by his laborious and faithful services. (The Granite Monthly, Vol VI, No. 8, May 1883, Pages 234-235)

In 1814 Rev. Harvey Morey was the pastor. He was a man of great physical strength and a successful minister. He married Meribah, sister of Caleb Dame, and after some years located in Rochester where he died Oct. 29, 1830. His wife was one of the first who helped to plant Methodism in this town, and her life was that of a consistent Christian. Their bodies rest in the old cemetery on Haven's Hill. (McDuffee 1988, 262)

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

Recipe(s) of the Month

Apricot Chicken Divine From the kitchen of Eileen Foss



4 skinned, boneless chicken breasts
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. unbleached white flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt (opt.)
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. apricot preserves
 $\frac{1}{2}$ T. Dijon mustard
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. nonfat plain yogurt
1 T. slivered almonds

Shake chicken in a plastic bag filled with flour and salt until chicken is coated.

Place chicken in a single layer in a shallow baking pan and bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes.

Combine apricot preserves, mustard, and yogurt.

Spread apricot mixture on chicken and bake for 10-15 minutes more or until done.

Just before serving, brown almonds lightly in toaster oven. Sprinkle almonds over chicken and serve over rice.



Who is Cooking Tonight?

Fuel Assistance For Our Church

Dear Members and Friends of FUMC,

As noted in the past Messenger, "Our congregation is blessed with the beautiful space in which we gather each week for worship." The magnificence of our sanctuary, built in 1868, is a wonderful and sacred space to join together.

In addition to our spacious sanctuary, we are fortunate to have conference rooms for meetings and studies, classrooms for Sunday School, dedicated space for the our youth to meet, a chapel for smaller worship gatherings, a remarkable library and media center, kitchens, restrooms, and Hurd Hall— a place for fellowship, meals, entertainment and mission service.

Needless to say, with these blessings, which are an integral part of our church family's everyday life, comes the great responsibility for wise stewardship of them.

Throughout the year, the church's various spaces are used often by many groups, which has an impact on fuel usage. As I write this letter, 2025 is ending in a deep freeze, with the early days and weeks of 2026 looking to continue this trend. The deep cold bring increased fuel usage to keep properties functioning and safe.

Many of us are blessed in what God gives to us, and share these blessing in many ways throughout the year. Contributions to the fuel fund is one way we can show our appreciation by giving back.

If you are able to give, there are several ways to contribute:

- * Fuel fund envelopes can be found in the sanctuary
- * Online through our website www.firstumcrochester.org
- * Through the Vanco link electronically <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJFD/home>
- * Mail a check to church noting Fuel Fund in the note section

Please accept our thanks from the Finance Committee for considering how you are able to help keep our church warm for the winter, and any financial support you are able to give.

Cynthia Sparks, Chair Stewardship and Finance Committee

As Paul wrote to the church in Corinth:

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good

Lent

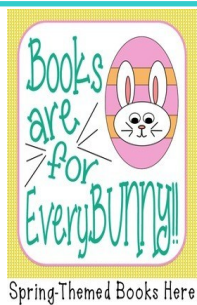
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism
Fast from criticism; feast on praise
Fast from self-pity; feast on joy
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence
Fast from jealousy; feast on love
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation
Fast from selfishness; feast on service
Fast from fear; feast on faith
Fast from anger; feast on patience
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others

Author Unknown



*We love
because
He first
loved us.*

Are you looking for some spiritual inspiration during the Season of Lent? The church library (located across from the office) has Lent and Easter books and DVDs for children and adults. Feel free to stop by and browse.



Church Security on Sundays
*Beginning November 2, church doors will be locked at 9:40 a.m., ten minutes after worship begins, for everyone's safety.
Thank you for your understanding—please plan to arrive a few minutes early.*



As part of its ongoing ministry, UWIF sends out cards to the women of the congregation with birthday greetings.

Our supply of cards is getting low. If you have any cards you would like to donate please see Donna Downes or leave them in the church office. Thank you.



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
KQUIGLEY150@GMAIL.COM





In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Personal Concerns- cont.

Michael; Chantelle; Carolyn Meehan; Tracy Lange; Roxanne Benoit; Amanda and family; Robin Stevens; Leclair; Dean Miles, Jennifer Livingston; Tracy; Baby Alice; Zayla Rosea; Bishop Mariann Bedde; Russell Scott; Bill; Steve; Sue St.Peter; Camden; Stephanie; Kristen; Dave Lemire; Glen Foss; Janet Berube; 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 Buceiri; Lee and Michael Wygant; Carol Bolduc; Betsy Fisher; Linda Rankin, Margaret and Makeyla, Amanda Tweedy; Sarah; David Smith; Glenn Cooper; Lois Coate; Laura Puglise; Patty Ernest; Texas Flood Victims; Braden Ross; Trica Oliver; Christina Napolitano; Randy; Steve; Jakob; Pastor John Hutchinson; Bonnie Succ; Samantha Cole; Ara Tamzarian; Martha Fantasia; Elaine Lindsay; Matt Chase; Denise C; Nancy Warren; Barry Ellsworth; Bob E.; Pat Neal; George Livingston; Combs Family; Dale Marino; John Landers; David Lindsay; Mike and Carol Chick; Carole Albert; Rebecca Laurion; Michael Mercier; Michelle Prych; Nell Sylvain; Paul Rodger; Carol; Tammy and Charlie Allard; Ina; Allison; Paul and Cheryl; Allison; Tammy and Charlie Allard; Robin Sandborn; Carol; Denise Wilcox; Steve; Don Raab; Barbra Abrams; Claude Saddler; Nate Phinney; Karen Clarke; Cindy and Larry Edgerly; Marilyn and Jack Jones; Erin; Emily, Richie and Paul Southard; Aden and Jane; Nate Phinney; Carole; Claude Saddler; Mike Torres; Robbie's father Dean; Hailey Raab; Ina; Kris Ebbeson; Victims of Brown University shooting; Sherry; Nick Rosic; Deb Storrs; Elaine Leughmyer; Jerry Nickless, Charlie and Gail Karcher; Marian Miller; Carol Raab; Pam Ferriara; Bill Wise; those suffering with darkness during the season; Elizabeth Wood; Ginny Veno; Jen Livingston; Nancy Manning; Bill Hoelscher; Leslie Keller; Janice and Henry Wolforth; Marie; Jeff Grote; Amy; Lynda Ward; Christians in Nigeria; Lexi Keyser; John Peterson; Rick Wiltshire; Nick; Marianne Gustafson; Patrick Combs; Michael Mercier; Paul Mercier; Ellen Drew; Ron Zielfelder, Carole; Marlene Guay; Sherry; Roger Frasier; Ric and Cherly Wachter; Vicki Wachter

Celebrations:

Cindy Edgerly's 87th birthday; Carl Mal-laber and Beverly Wheeler united in marriage; Leon Benoit home after 78 days in the hospital.

Prayers of condolences for the Family and Friends of: Bobbi Casey; Charles Wachter

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



Missions and Outreach

NEWS FROM NOW

Nurture, Outreach, Witness

BIRTHDAY AND BLESSINGS CELEBRATION

February 1st



Come and celebrate during fellowship after the morning worship service. If you have special celebration please let us know.

SOUPED UP SUNDAYS ARE BACK!!!

Scheduled Dates are: February 15th, March 15th



A Free Will Offering will be taken. Donations go to support various missions in our church, (Rochester Photo Show), in the community (local youth programs) and beyond (United Methodist Economic Ministry).

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

Spring Fair



Saturday, May 2nd from 8am-2pm

As you are spring cleaning closets, downsizing and purging unused or unwanted items, please keep our Spring Fair in mind.

Clothing should be in usable condition, no rips, stains or broken zippers.

Household items should be gently used and in working condition.

Please clean before donating.

Furniture items are allowed. Big items that do not sell must be removed by the donor.

Watch for more upcoming information!!!

Please contact Pat Hewitt for more information at 603-350-0674 or pugles4@yahoo.com.

Missions and Outreach

Project ♥ Linus



"Providing Security Through Blankets"

Thank you to all who helped to make 2025 a successful year!

The first dedication of 2026 will be on Sunday, February 15th. Please have completed blankets at church by Friday, February 13th.

We meet on Mondays at 6pm and Wednesday at 9am. All are welcome. If you need supplies or assistance please let us know. Blessings, Cindy Edgerly



If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on any Sunday? Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

You will be responsible to order, pay for, deliver to worship and retrieve the flowers after service.

Please notify the office a week in advance with any dedications to be included in the weekly bulletin.

Share Your Love!

FUMC CASSEROLE COMMITTEE

"The purpose of the Casserole Committee is to provide meals on a short term basis to members of the congregations who need our help"



You may have just come home from the hospital, have a health crisis, but are still unable to get around easily and/or too weak to make meals; or you may be elderly and find it too strenuous to make a dinner each day.

Anyone who is in need of meals, please contact 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.

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



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 and/or unemployed; those affected by natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes; those who struggle with chronic pain, mental and medical health illness, with addiction, cancer, loss of jobs, healthcare and other services, families in turmoil; deportation; all children; those suffering with financial issues and personal stress; those suffering from the messiness in their lives; those who are celebrating LOVE; People of Ukraine; victims of violence; airline tragedies; Gaza; Middle East Conflicts; Israel and Joron for peace; an end to gun violence; Armed Service members , First Responders;

Personal Concerns-

Warren and Edna Carr; Tim Hill; Les and Bertha Huckins; 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 Morissette; Nancy; Katie Jean Sharp; Fred Hildebrant; William Bujold; Robert and Dan Devold; Genny Farkas' dad; Jeanne; Jennifer Livingston, 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; Todd Masker; 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; 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; Dean and Lori; Dave Ropel; Mei Hayes; Jay Tanger; Eugene and Ruth Hoelscher; Pat Demaris; Todd Masker; Kevin Magner; Joanne Sylvian; Hazel; Marilyn Ives; Wally Fengler; 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; Tracy Lang; Shirley Brannock; Carolyn Wilderman; Macee; Maggie; Lily Hess; Tina Weaver; Doug Lindsay; (cont. next page)



IT'S TIME AGAIN TO THINK ABOUT GOING TO WANAKEE FOR SUMMER CAMP.

Another wonderful summer at Wanakee is just around the corner. We are excited to welcome new and returning campers for a season full of growth, friendship and adventure.

Families who register by March 15th will receive a **\$50 early registration discount** on full-week sessions. It's a great way to save and reserve your camper's spot before sessions fill up.

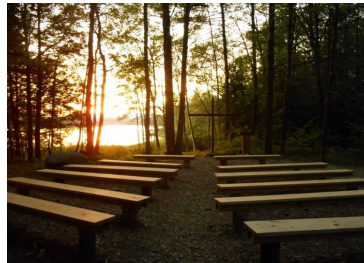
Wanakee is a co-ed sleep-away camp in Meredith, NH, in the foothills of the White Mountains. It is located on 227 acres that include wooded trails, half a mile of lakefront on Lake Pemigewasset and open fields.

The camp's 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.

If you are interested in more information, program details, dates, and rates are available at wanakee.org/dates-and-rates.

Financial hardships should not stop a child from attending camp. Scholarships are available through the camp and also in the church office for youth attending.

Wanakee Outdoor Chapel



For more information please contact Kelly Hearn, at 603-781-3710 or kmhearn63@gmail.com Wanakee Representative

Missions and Outreach



Tri State Rural Mission Team

Would you like to share your skills and love of God with others? The next mission team date has been set for June 28-July 3. We would love to have a full crew attend and are looking to get youth, chaperones and church members involved. We leave on a Sunday afternoon and return Friday evening. Can't attend for the full week, that's fine. Come when you can.



The cost for the week is \$350. The cost can be prorated on a daily basis (\$70) based on attendance. The cost includes lodging at the facility, food, and help with the cost of materials needed for the ministry to complete the work. Financial scholarships are available through UMEM and also through FUMC for participants.



There are many jobs to be done. Everyone is an asset to the team. You could plant a garden, sort greeting cards or clothes, prepare meals, paint, hang sheet rock, or build a deck with an access ramp are just a few items on the "to do" list. Please prayerfully consider this ministry that helps the needs of the rural communities of Maine.

The United Methodist Economic Ministry is located in Salem, Maine, about a 3 hour drive from Rochester. Cannot participate? Monetary donations are gratefully accepted.

If you are interested in learning more or being a part of this mission team, please contact Ken Downes at 603-970-0131 or kdld@metrocast.net.



Save the Date



If you haven't started taking your photos there is still time!

9th Annual Rochester Community Amateur Photography Show

Photo intake

Friday, April 24th from 6-8 pm

Saturday, April 25th from 10am -12pm.

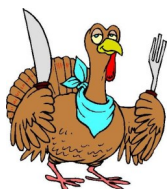
A total of three (3) photos per exhibitor may be entered.

A. Science B. People C. Animals
D. Juvenile photographer (age 12 and under)
E. Youth photographer (age 13-19) F. Miscellaneous

Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 20th from 7-9pm

Guess who is coming to dinner?



TURKEY DINNER WITH FIXINS
Saturday, April 25th from 4:30- 6:00 pm

BEVERAGES
DESSERTS AND FELLOWSHIP

More info to come.....

Watch for updates in the bulletins and weekly emails.



May 16th from 9-1

Sign up at <https://www.redcross.org>

FUMC Rochester Officers

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



United
Women
in Faith

A meeting was held on Saturday, December 20, 2025 with a meal and Yankee swap thereafter. Those attending; Donna Hughes, Donna Walter, Helen Constantine, Sue Raab, Jill Miltner, Sue Michalsky, Gayle Richards, Beth Allard, Eileen Foss, Amy Cook, and Donna Downes, voted unanimously to approve the 2025 donations and the 2026 budget.

Treasurers report- Draining of the Treasury 2025

Waypoint Youth Center	\$450.00
FUMC: Sip N Share	\$250.00
Pledge to Mission	\$200.00
Ho-Soon Han	\$ 50.00
Roseann Benoit	\$ 50.00
Kevin Lindsay	\$ 50.00
Sam Tweedy	\$ 50.00
Total 2025 annual donations	\$1,650.00

Anticipated donations for 2026

Altar Flowers	\$ 50.00
Hospitality	\$ 400.00
UWIF Meeting Expenses	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 150.00
Project Linus	\$1,100.00
Wanakee Scholarships	\$ 300.00
Senior Banquet	\$ 300.00
Holiday Fair/ Yard Sale (Start-up Cash)	\$1,000.00
Total budget for 2026	\$3,400.00

Executive board will meet and set a schedule of events for 2026.
Annual pledge cards to go out in March 2026.