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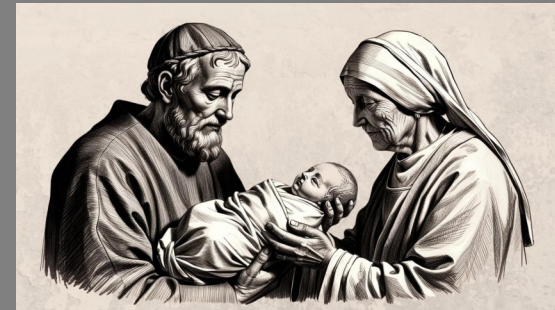


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A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God.



There was also a prophetess, Anna. She was and eighty four year old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer. She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Israel. (Luke 2: 25-27a, 28, 36-38)

OFFICE CLOSED

*THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st
Happy New Year*

*MONDAY, JANUARY 19th
Martin Luther King, Jr.*



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear beloved FUMC family,

When something unexpected happens in our midst, it can be deeply disorienting. We find ourselves unsure of what to do or which way to turn—like walking through a fog without clear direction. Moments like these are difficult, but they also become a test of what we truly hold within us: our faith, our relationships, and our commitment to support one another.

The sudden death of Ritch and the days moving toward the funeral were exactly such a moment. We were shocked. Many of us didn't know what to say or how best to help. And yet, even in our uncertainty, something beautiful and faithful unfolded. We trusted God. We trusted one another. And we showed up.

We expressed our genuine concern. We made our deep desire to care for the family visible and tangible. Whatever was asked of us, the answer was simply, "Yes." Together, we gathered around a family in grief, holding the broken pieces with tenderness and love.

In many ways, we became like hands holding a shattered vessel—carefully gathering the pieces and allowing God's grace to create something new. The cracks were not hidden or ignored; they were filled with love, compassion, and the presence of Christ. What emerged was not the absence of pain, but a new pattern shaped by care, faith, and shared sorrow.

Through this experience, we learned something important about who we are. We learned how strong our church family is. We learned how deep our love and compassion truly run. And once again, we witnessed how the goodness of God is made visible through people who desire to bring healing and comfort to others. This is the very DNA of FUMC.

Our church is built upon the foundation of Christ's love and compassion. It is this foundation that strengthens us—not just in times of joy, but especially in moments of loss. It is what allows us to carry one another when the weight feels too heavy to bear alone.

As we move forward into this new year, 2026, let us remember how blessed we are—and how strong we are together. With God's grace, Christ's love and compassion, and the power of the Holy Spirit, we will continue into another year of faithful and fruitful ministry.

I am deeply grateful for this church family, and I look forward to continuing this journey with you.

In Christ's love,
Ho-Soon

JANUARY

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



1	Linda Smith	12	Melissa Poliquin
1	Emily Cameron	12	Selma Combs
2	Amy Cook	15	Ashley Miltner
2	Ken Manning	15	Cindy Edgerly
3	Karen Manning	18	Donna Brill
4	Lester Huckins	19	Janice Keefe
4	Jack Jones	19	Gail Burns
5	Bill Burns	19	Patricia Foster
6	Kyle Libby	19	Paul Mercier
8	Mark Gagne	21	Tammy Roberge
8	Marge Mersereau	25	Elaine Menard
8	Aileen Orchard	26	Gerry McDevitt
8	Katherine Pyrich	28	Erin Southard
9	Kaitlin Ciccarello	29	Jennifer Murphy
11	Eric Tompson	29	Sherry Libby
12	Brian Arnold	29	Cheryl Arnold
12	Deborah Lotter	29	Tyler Arnold
		30	Ken Parks



January 21st—Katie (Menard) and Dylan Faucher
January 31st—Charles and Gail Karcher



Congratulations to Peter Ciccarello for getting his BS in Criminal Justice at Southern New Hampshire University.

Liturgists

4	Jon Pyrich
11	Sharon Parker
18	Mary Rosic
25	Paul Blackadar

Greeters

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

JANUARY



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Happy New Year 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 pm Seacoast Carvers 7pm-District 15 AA	2	3 10am AA Group
4 COMMUNION 9:30 am Worship <i>Birthdays and Blessings after Worship</i> 5pm Fellowship Kitchen	5 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6 pm 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 Disciple Study	8 10AM AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm Choir	9	10am AA Group
11 9:30am Worship 10:45am Christian Ed meeting Now Committee meets 5pm- Fellowship Kitchen	12 10:30am AAGroup 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30pm WORSHIP COMMITTEE	13 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts	14 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Disciple Study 7pm STEEPLE COMMITTEE	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Seacoast Carvers	16	17 9- 1:30pm Blood Drive 10am- AA Group
18 9:30 AM- Worship SOUPED UP SUNDAY 5pm- Fellowship Kitchen	19 OFFICE CLOSED MLK, Jr. Day 10:30am AAGroup 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Lay Leaders 6 pm Project Linus 7pm ADMIN COUNCIL	20 9:30am Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts 7pm TRUSTEES	21 8am Rochester Mental Health Summit 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Disciple Study	22 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 pm Choir	23	24 10am- AA Group
25 9:30 AM Worship 12:30pm David Wold Recital 5pm- Fellowship Kitchen	26 10:30am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6 pm Project Linus 6:30pm SPPRC	27 9:30 Sip N Share 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6pm Witherell Bells 7pm Scouts	28 9am Project Linus 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Disciple Study	29 10am AA Group 5pm Fellowship Kitchen 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 Seacoast Carvers	30	31 10am- AA Group

Acolytes

- 4 Alejandra Hernandez Parsell
11 Madilyn Gabbard
18 Charlotte Pyrich
25 Nora Rice

Ushers

- Donna Walter/ Mary Rosic
Pat Hewitt
Don and Sue Raab
Deb Boynton/ Marianne Gustafson

Feed the Need

To be disciples, living and teaching the Word of God

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN JANUARY

January 4th

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Jonah 1

John 1:1, 10-18

“Journeying with Jonah 1-Fleeing”

January 11th

Baptism of the Lord

Jonah 2

Matthew 3:13-17

“Journeying with Jonah 2-Returning”

Children’s Message-Kristen Sturtevant

January 18th

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3

John 1:29-42

“Journeying with Jonah 3- Proclaiming”

Children’s Message-Michelle Pyrich

January 25th

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 4

Matthew 4:12-23

“Journeying with Jonah 4 -Facing the Truth”

Children’s Message-Michele Leahey

I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the Christmas cards and gifts from the congregation. They will be treasured in my heart.

Thank you!

Ho-Soon

Church Happenings



Above: Our Youth Group enjoyed an early Christmas party filled with laughter and fellowship—playing Yankee Swap, watching *K-Pop Demon Hunters*, and sharing Korean snacks and sweets inspired by the movie!



Preparing for Fellowship Kitchen Christmas Party

Below: Eileen Foss, Donna Hughes,
Diane Jones, Donna Walker,
Lynda Ward, Sue Raab



FUMC HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

In 1809 Revs. Hezekiah Field and Amasa Taylor were on this circuit. Mr. Field devoted most of his time to this section. A second class was formed, and meetings were held at Silas Dame's house on the Ten-rod Road. During the next year Rochester was made a separate appointment under the name of "Norway Plains," with Mr. Field as preacher in charge. It is not strange that some opposition was aroused among those unaccustomed to such preaching. On one occasion, when Mr. Field had an appointment to preach at the Court House, threats having been made to mob him, a large crowd came together with far from peaceable intentions. But the preacher went as usual to his appointment, Thomas Wentworth and David McDaniels standing as a body guard on either side during the service. Since God has said that "one shall chase a thousand," it is no wonder that the enemy remained quiet. (McDuffee 1988, 261)

Rev. Hezekiah Field was born September 3, 1774 in Woodstock, Windsor County, Vermont and died June 2, 1845 in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. He married Keturah Ransom in 1794 in Woodstock. There is no record of them having any children.

An internet search of Rev. Amasa Taylor only showed that he served in Vermont around 1813 – 1815.

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



Personal Concerns- cont

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; 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; 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; 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; Carol Bolduc; Betsy Fisher; Linda Rankin, Margaret and Makeyla, Amanda Tweedy; Lynda Ward; Sarah; David Smith; Anthony Mozelak; Tom Melzoni and Wife ; Glenn Cooper; Lois Coate; Bob Morse; Laura Puglise; Patty Ernest; Texas Flood Victims; Braden Ross; Trica Oliver; Christina Napolitano; Randy; Steve; Jakob; Pastor John Hutchinson; Bonnie Succi; Samantha Cole; Ara Tamzarian; Gib Hearn; 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; Leslie Keller; Jim McDevitt; Bill Hoelscher; Mike and Carol Chick; Carole Albert; Rebecca Laurion; Michael Mercier; Charles and Vicki Wachter; Ginny; Michelle Pyrich; 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; Barbabra Abrams; Marion Karcher; Claude Saddler; Nate Phinney; Karen Clarke; Cindy and Larry Edgerly; Marilyn and Jack Jones; Leon Benoit; 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; Lester Huckins; Victims of Brown University shooting ; Sherry; Nick Rosic; Jeff Grote; Amy; Les Huckins; 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

Renewed prayers for: Elizabeth Wood; Ginny Veno; Jen Livingston; Nancy Manning; Bill Hoelscher; Janice and Henry Wolforth

Traveling Mercies: Those traveling during the holiday season, The Lindsay family traveling from the the UK;

Prayers of condolences for the Family and Friends of:

Emily Singleton; Joe Storrs; Bobby Cases, Marion Karcher



Church Happenings



R-L: Sam and Lorie Tweedy preparing for Brunch Fellowship

Below Sip'N Share putting together the Christmas cards for the congregation.



Above: Marianne Gustafson taking care of books in the outdoor library



Left : Display of the Nativity Sets from the congregation

Church Happenings

Lights of Love December 3, 2024 Adult Choir

Front; Ariana Ludwig,
Cynthia Sparks, Sharon
Parker, Karen Manning,
Diane Jones, Donna
Downes

Back: Ken Downes, Ken
Manning, John Wilderman



Lights of Love Witherell Bells

L-R: Kandia Watson, Karen
Manning, . Cheryl, Gagne,
Maddie Adams, Donna
Downes, Sharon Parker,
Ken Manning, Alex Wilder-
man, Pat Williams, Kelly
Markwell, John Wilderman
Director: Dan Saucier



MeCa Concert December 6, 2025

A wonderful serenade to Mrs.
Santa Claus (aka Pat Williams)

Concert raised \$2,700



Please let the office know if there is someone to add or also to re-
move 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; Dahriz Colwell & Family; John; Sister Katie Hoelscher; Valerie; Susan Morisette; Nancy; Katie Jean Sharp; Fred Hildebrandt; 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; Marie; Patsy Jackson; Jeff; Jackie and Bill Smith; Brannon; Lynn Ricker; Bernie; Gabby; Carol Wiltse; Jessica; Lisa Staple; Rosemary Lucas; 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; Dean and Lori; Dave Ropel; Mei Hayes; Jay Tanger; Eugene and Ruth Hoelscher; Pat Demaris; Lindsay; Todd Masker; Kevin Magner; Joanne Sylvian; Hazel; Marilyn Ives; Dona

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Save the Date



January 17th
from
9-1:30

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

Rural Mission Update

This years mission trip has been set for June 28– July3.

We would love to have a full crew attend. If you cannot attend for the full week, then come when you can. We will leave on Sunday afternoon and return Friday evening.

The Economic Ministry is located in Salem, Maine, about a 3 hour drive from Rochester. There are many jobs to be done. Please prayerfully consider this ministry that helps the needs of the rural communities of Maine.

If you are interested in attending or want more information please contact Ken Downes at 603-970-0131.



From the Editor

Christmas, Epiphany and the Twelve Days

Have you ever wondered why we celebrate Christmas on the date we do? During the time of Jesus' birth there were two calendars, the Roman (Julian) and the Jewish. When the date was chosen, the world was running on the Julian calendar (reign of Julius Caesar). At that time, the date for Christmas was chosen on the day of the year that marks the longest and darkest day, the Winter Solstice.

In 1582, under the direction of Pope Gregory XIII, a monk (Dionysius Exiguus) modified the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in an attempt to find the true date of Easter. This is the Christian calendar we now use with the BC and AD. In common day, this calendar shows the date of Winter Solstice, as December 21st, the first day of winter. When the calendar issue was finally settled, Christ's birth was set as December 25th and Epiphany on January 6th.

During the liturgical year, the Church moves forward from Advent to Christmastide and then to the celebration of Epiphany. Epiphany, also known as *Three Kings' Day*, or *Day of the Kings* is a Christian festival – when the church celebrates the Wise Men following the star, to pay homage to the King. The word Epiphany comes for the Greek word *epiphaneia* meaning manifestation or to appear. In religious terms it refers to the appearance of an invisible divine being in the visible form.

It was the Eastern Church– the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox and Eastern-rite churches affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church were those that first celebrated Epiphany, celebrating the nativity and baptizing those who believed in Jesus as the Son of God.

In some countries, *El Dia de Los Reyes* day (The Day of the Magic Kings) is just as important as Christmas Day. There are parades, fire-works celebrations and the children leave drinks out for the Three Kings. Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on Epiphany Day.

For some, the celebration of lights, decorations and Christmas trees keeps on until the day of Epiphany. Some cultures go back to their usual daily routines, while others observe feasts, day of the saints (St. Stephen), have planned daily activities, exchange gifts on each day of the 12 days. No matter how it is celebrated though, all decorations are to be down and the house back to normal no later than mid-night on the Day of Epiphany.

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From the Editor

Christmas, The Twelve Days and Epiphany (cont)

Epiphany happens on the Twelfth night after Christmas (not including Christmas Day).

Remember the song, the Twelve Days of Christmas? That song was made popular sometime during the periods of 1558 to 1829 when people were forbidden to practice their faith. Each coded term was given for one of the church's teaching. Each day in the song refers to a gift. The "true love" is God and "me" is every baptized person. The earliest known written version of this song was in 1780 found in a children's book *Mirth With-out Mischief*

Partridge in a Pear tree = *Jesus Christ*

Two turtle doves = *The Old and New Testaments*

Three French hens = *the Trinity, or the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity*

Four calling birds = *The Four Gospels*

Five gold rings = *The first Five Books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy (The Pentateuch)*

Six geese a-laying = *Six days of Creation*

Seven swans a-swimming = *Seven gifts of the Holy Sprit (Romans 12:6 -8)*

Eight maids a-milking = *Eight beatitudes (Matt 5: 3-10)*

Nine ladies dancing = *Nine Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)*

Ten lords a-leaping = *The 10 Commandments*

Eleven pipers piping = *The eleven faithful apostles*

Twelve drummers drumming = *12 points of doctrine I the Apostle's Creed.*

The next time you hear this song, or participate in singing it, remember it not as a silly children's memory song, but the teachings of the church as it portrays.

Donna Downes, Editor



Missions and Outreach



Happy New Year Blanketeers!

What a year 2025 has been! I wanted to let you know our numbers for this year, 2,478 new handmade blankets were collected and we donated 2,522 blankets!!! 1,947 blankets were donated in December alone! You are all so incredibly generous! I am so proud to be a part of this amazing Project Linus Chapter! 2025 hasn't been without challenges; it was heartbreaking to learn that Joann Fabrics was closing. We have all had to pivot and find new stores to find materials and also new drop off locations. Luckily some generous local businesses have stepped in to help us.

I wanted to share some feedback from the community;

From the WIC in Somersworth:

"I wanted to reach out with a *huge thank-you* for the beautiful blankets you donated to our WIC program. They have truly brightened our clients' days and families have been so appreciative. It's been wonderful to be able to offer something so comforting and personal.

We have about 15 blankets remaining, and because they've meant so much to the families we serve, we wanted to check if there might be an opportunity for additional donations this winter season. We deeply appreciate all the care and work that goes into each blanket and are grateful for any additional donations you're able to offer.

Thank you again for everything you do. Your generosity makes such a meaningful impact."

From Parent:

"Hi! My 5 year old twins were blessed with two incredible quilts through the Hometown Holiday Helpers Operation Elf toy drive in Rochester, NH and I just wanted to express my gratitude. I know these take so much time and skill and are truly a labor of love. They will be cherished for a long time."

What you are doing is making a huge difference in many children's lives. Thank you SO much. I'm looking forward to what we can accomplish in 2026.

All my best,

Donna Daigle ,Chapter Coordinator, NH Seacoast Project Linus 978-500-4478

If you have questions about this ministry, please contact Cindy Edgerly at 603-534-8346.

Missions and Outreach

NEWS FROM NOW

Nurture, Outreach and Witness

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

Pat Hewitt



FELLOWSHIP KITCHEN

We are looking for donations of bottled water to give out with the meals.

Birthday and Blessings Celebration
Come and celebrate on January the 4th
during fellowship after the morning
worship service.



SOUPED UP SUNDAYS IS BACK!!!

We will be hosting Souped up Sundays on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Scheduled Dates are:

January 18th, February 15th, March 15th

A Free Will Offering will be taken. Donations go to support various mission in our church, community and beyond.



Capital Campaign Update

What a busy year we have completed with the Restore the Beacon of HOPE capital campaign! Just this time last year we started our partnership with Horizons Stewardship and spent the first 5 months of 2025 carefully planning activities and engaging in prayer alongside our campaign strategist, Tom Melzoni.

Our planning culminated in Commitment Sunday on June 22nd, where the congregation took an awe-inspiring step forward by committing over \$300,000 to the campaign over the next three years. You are faithfully giving to this commitment, with close to \$100,000 already collected from congregation members alone.

We also engaged with the community and shared the news of our campaign online, resulting in 15 community members and 4 local organizations providing \$3,800 in financial support. Jan Keefe contacted numerous family members who gave their blessing to transfer \$9,600 in memorial funds to our capital campaign, inspiring a significant gift from a family member. In all, over \$43,000 from the community & memorial fund has been made available for our steeple restoration!

Finally, we have been taking steps forward for other ways to raise funds, including a turkey supper in May, an organ concert, pies, and a church brunch in early December. These activities have raised \$6,500.

In all, we have raised \$150,000 to date with the funds invested with the United Methodist Foundation of New England while the Steeple Committee performs its due diligence in selecting a contractor and seeks out additional sources of funds to enable us to meet our goal of restoring our house of worship and continue to provide hope to our congregation and community.

Thank you to everyone for your support, prayers, time, and gifts!

Jonathan Pyrich



Christain Education

Christmas Pageant 2025



January 4th– Communion Worship Together

Jr. Sr. High– 6-12th

January 11th– Advent Study

January 18th– Advent Study

January 25thh– Echo / Miracles

A Special Thank You

To Pastor Ho-Soon and the Church Family,

Thank you all so much for all the prayers cards, visits and support for our family during this recent time of the loss of our matriarch, Marian Veno.

FUMC held a very special place in her heart. We have all felt the love and support outpouring from the congregation.

The Family and Friends of Marian Veno

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals and groups for their exceptional contributions during the Advent and Christmas season:

To our Choir members, under the direction of Kevin Lindsay, and the Witherell Ringers, led by Dan Saucier, along with our other gifted musicians, for offering inspiring and meaningful music that enriched our worship.

To the Worship Committee, for generously sharing your time, talents, and creativity in preparing and leading us through this holy season.

To our children, youth, and their leaders, for their joyful participation and faithful contributions to our worship services.

To Roseann Benoit, for graciously managing the increased demands of the church office, and to Diane Jones, Sue Raab, and Eileen Foss for your invaluable support throughout this especially busy time.

To Jon Pyrich, Stephanie Brown, Dan Saucier, and Mark Leahey, for taking on the increased work of handling income and expenses and for faithfully managing the church's finances with care and diligence.

Your time, talents, and tireless efforts have truly blessed our church family. Thank you for so generously sharing your gifts.