

THE FLYER



Newsletter of the Community Church of Sandwich, New Hampshire

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Fireworks...

So, we just got back from a week at the beach. It was wonderful...beautiful...relaxing...and yummy (all that boardwalk food). In all the wonderfulness of the week, the sight that stuck out to me the most was the fireworks on Wednesday night...actually, not the fireworks themselves, but watching the people.

What really intrigued me was watching the people who were NOT watching the fireworks even though all they would have to do was turn around and look up! People continued walking in the opposite direction of this grand display despite the obviousness of what was going on.

As I continued watching the people who were walking in the opposite direction (while I also watched the fireworks), I noticed that there would be some turning around and stopping to look once in a while when multiple fireworks would go off at once. A quick picture might be snapped and then back to walking in the opposite direction.

This scene stayed with me. It bothered me. Some people drive miles to purposefully go see fireworks and then there are those that are already there and just don't take the time to stop and look up. Are we becoming so desensitized that fireworks lighting up the sky in all shapes and colors and sizes are no longer worth our gaze? Are we so busy getting to the next place to do the next thing that we can't stop and enjoy what's happening at that moment?

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CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Thank-you Notes

☺ Our thanks to Jeanne Burden & Nancy Read for their cleaning of the Baptist Meetinghouse for the month of July. Our thanks also to Jeanne Burden & Jennifer Rowan & Nancy Read for the cleaning of the Baptist Meetinghouse for the month of August.

☺ Thank you Judy English for once again playing all the selected hymns on our Hymn Sing Sunday! We know this is challenging, and you always come through!

☺ Thank you to Deb Kumpf for coordinating the luncheon after the celebration of life for Nan Russell and ALL who helped.

Please contribute your notes of praise and gratitude by contacting the church office (284-6151 or sandwichchurch@gmail.com) with your request and it will be printed in the next newsletter.



Welcome to Birthday Corner
If you see one of these people
please wish them a very Happy
Birthday !!!

September 1 Sue Bowden
September 4 Susan Davies
September 14 Janet Cocchiaro
September 14 Marshall Davis
September 14 Jane Quimby
September 16 James Norman
September 17 Rich Cocchiaro
September 23 Martin Glenday
September 28 Kathryn Birch
October 8 Amy Brown
October 8 Daniel Reidy
October 10 Ty Bryant
October 15 Daphne Frentress
October 17 AJ Birch
October 19 Kyle Birch
October 19 Lucy Glenday
October 30 Steve Ripkey
October 31 Karen Wright



Happy Anniversary to the
following couples !!!

September 27 Richard & Daphne Frentress
October 2 Tom and Anita Larson
October 3 Greg and Jackie Berry
October 8 Hayden & Mary Hillsgrove
October 21 Warren & Deb Hoffman
October 21 Bob & Kate Schneider
October 29 John & Jennifer Rowan

Small Group Offerings

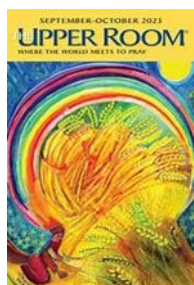
Worshipping together is just part of being a community of faith. It is important to be involved in a small group so to get to know one another and be able to uplift and encourage one another. Here's what is offered this Fall:



The Book Group will be starting the book "Imagine Heaven" by John Burke on September 16.

We meet Monday mornings at 10 AM in the downstairs of the Baptist Meetinghouse with a Zoom option. Please let Pastor Deb know if you would like her to order you a book.

A Ten Week Bible Study on the Ten Commandments will begin on Sunday September 22. We will be using the book, "Ten Words to Live By" by Jen Wilken. We will meet via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM. If you would like a book ordered for you, please let Pastor Deb know.



The Upper Room Study will continue to be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM on Zoom using the Upper Room Devotional for that day with the questions in the back. This is a time to share with one another how the scripture and story for that day speaks to you.

The Choir always welcomes new singers.

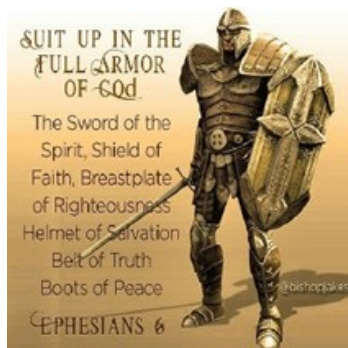
They practice with the Choir Director/Organist, Judy English each Sunday morning at 8:45 AM until 9:45 AM (prior to worship). Choir Rehearsal will begin again on Sunday, September 1. You can just show up! ☺



New Member Classes are being offered after worship September 15th and 22nd (about 11:30 AM) until 1 PM. A light lunch will be provided. Please let Pastor Deb know if you are interested. This is also available to current members who perhaps would like a "refresher" on what it means to take this step. There is a sign-up sheet available in the entranceway of the sanctuary

Special Times of Worship

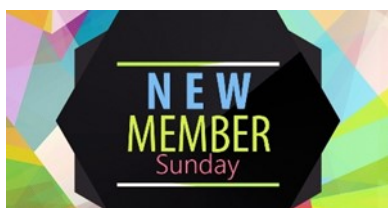
Although all worship is special, here are some highlights on what is coming up in September and October.



“The Armor of God” will be the new sermon series that begins on Sunday September 1 and will run through the entire month. This series will be based on Priscilla Shirer’s study guide entitled, “The Armor of God” which covers Ephesians 6:10-18. For these five weeks, a special guest will be joining us. You’ve heard of Sir Lancelot? Well, we will be meeting Sir Standcelot.

Sunday, October 6, we will celebrate **Worldwide Communion.**

If you have something from another part of the world that you could share by displaying it on the table that day, please bring it in either 30 minutes before worship begins or drop it off at Pastor Deb’s office earlier that week and it will be placed on the communion table that Sunday.



Sunday, October 13, we will be celebrating people of our faith community that have decided to take the next step by making a formal commitment to God and to this community of faith during our time of worship. Praise be to God!

Laity Sunday is October 20. Traditionally, this day is when some people (usually in leadership roles) of the church lead worship. It is my hope that we don’t just have certain people leading worship but that it will be an all-inclusive time of worship where EVERYONE has a part!



All Saints Day Worship will be on November 3rd. This is the time when we will be remembering those who went from life to LIFE.

LADIES AID – PAST and FUTURE

We've been busy this Spring and Summer serving the families of some beloved members. In May, we hosted a luncheon for the family of Walter and Donna Johnson after Walter's Celebration of Life service. In August we did the same for Nan Russell's family after her Celebration of Life service. Thanks to ALL who baked cookies and provided sandwiches for these occasions.

† *Upcoming Ladies Aid Meetings* †

Thursday, September 12, 2024 11:30AM

@ Berry Castle (12 Gilman Road, Meredith)

ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Program: *Annual Salad Luncheon; Program Planning*

Convener: *Deb Kumpf; Hostesses: Jackie Berry & Jennifer Rowan*

Secretary: *Jennifer Rowan; Devotions: Deb Hoffman*

Thursday, October 10, 2024 MMH 11:15AM

Program: *<__>; Convener: Lois Merrithew; Hostess: Deb Hoffman*

Secretary: *<Need Volunteer>; Devotions: Deb Kumpf*

Dress A Girl Workshops -- Sewing &/or Cutting

Come join us for 2 hours per month to sew &/or cut material for the Dress A Girl Around the World mission. We hold our workshops on the 3rd Friday of each month. For the summer, we met at the Sandwich Fairgrounds in the Hodge building. It's a great big space with wide, long tables – wonderful for cutting fabric dress lengths.

The September session will be at the Hodge Building then we'll move to the Baptist Meeting House basement. Kits complete with everything you need to sew a dress – including instructions – are also available in the BMH basement.



Upcoming Workshop Dates (10AM-Noon): Sept 20 (Hodge); Oct 18 (BMH); Nov 18
Here's a very cute example of a DAG dress, made by Jackie Berry.

Quilt Raffle



This year's Quilt Raffle features a beautiful quilt with pillow shams in the colors of the sky. Dotty Burrows unveiled it at church a few weeks ago. She explained the colors used and what they represent. She will type up her interpretation and it will be available to those purchasing tickets to read.

As we did last year, the raffle money will go toward the restoration of the Baptist Meeting House steeple. The Community of Sandwich has supported us in this renovation project and we would like to share that progress with them. We have one more opportunity to sell raffle tickets. The Sandwich Fair, Sat, Sun & Mon, Oct 12, 13, 14.

Do you have some time to help support this venture? Below are the time slots that volunteers are needed to help sell tickets. There is a copy of the sign-up sheet in the entranceway of the church. You can also call the Church office and let us know when you are available and we will gladly fill in your name.

Raffle tickets can also be obtained after any Sunday service until October 14th.

Jackie Berry

Sandwich Fair Volunteer Openings (Sign-up with a friend)

Sat Oct 12	Sun Oct 13	Mon Oct 14
8-10:30 am	8-10:30 am	8-11:00 am
10:30 – 1pm	10:30 – 1pm	11 am – 2pm Jennifer Rowan
1-3:30 pm	1-3:30 pm	2 - 5 pm
3:30-6 pm	3:30-6 pm	



Pumpkin Time Is Here

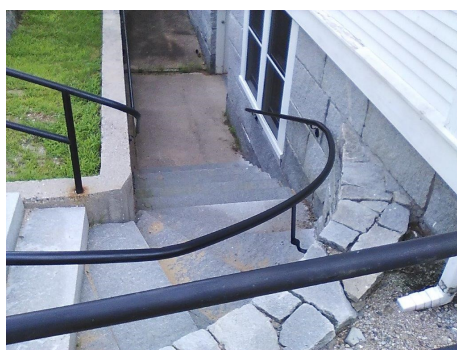
In October, we hope to offer pumpkin carving for the pumpkin display at the Remick Park and to hand out candy for the Sandwich School Parade and for Halloween evening Trick or Treaters. The specific days and times of these events will be forthcoming.

Baptist Meetinghouse Steeple Update:



We had hoped to report good news regarding the steeple; however, the steeple will need to come down. Our contractor, Tony Hibbard from New England Church Restoration, was preparing to remove the metal on the steeple and install a new material that would require little maintenance for many years to come, and discovered rot in various areas of the spire. Upon inspection of the base of the steeple, he uncovered extensive rot in the support timbers in the area immediately below the steeple and behind the area between the top of the bell area and the base of the steeple. This area is the section behind where the white circles are located. To confirm Tony's concerns,

Stan Graton of Stan Graton II 3G Construction Inc., a renowned covered bridge builder and historic building renovator, was contacted for a second opinion. Stan inspected the steeple and reported we had a serious safety issue, and in his opinion, the steeple needed to be removed as soon as possible. Both Tony and Stan agreed completely on the best course of action, which is to remove the steeple and secure the top for winter to protect it from further damage. We are in touch with our insurance company, Church Mutual, to see about coverage for repairing this damage. The cost to repair is unknown as further evaluation is needed to determine the replacement cost. This problem developed over time with no visible evidence of any deterioration in the support timbers, and it is a blessing it was discovered before it became a safety issue. Rest assured; our steeple will be restored to its former elegance. We will continue to keep you posted on the progress.



NEW Railings! You may, or may not, have noticed (because it feels like they have always been there!) the new railings at lower-level entrances to the Baptist and Methodist Meetinghouses. Up until July 2024, only one side of the stairs had a railing. Thanks to Mike Amato of Whittier Welding (Sandwich) both sides of the stairs now have a railing.

~ Board of trustees

Dishwasher: The new dishwasher has been installed at the MMH. Thank you to Tony Gasbarro for bringing this project to light and thank you to the trustees for following this through to completion. Our hope is that it will get lots of use in serving the community.



Trustees' Meeting
Thursday Sept. 12th
Thursday Oct. 10th
Both are at 4:00 P.M. (MMH)
Zoom Link Available

Board of Outreach
Tuesday Sept. 17th
Tuesday Oct. 8th
Both are at 11:30 A.M. (BMH)

Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 10th
Tuesday Oct. 8th
Both are at 6:30 P.M. (Zoom)

Council Meeting
Tuesday Oct. 15th
6:30 P.M. (Zoom)

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Maybe that's it. Maybe that's what bothered me...the thought of not living in the moment and enjoying what's right in front of us.

How many times do we go a different direction during our day, turning our backs to what's really going on because of our preplanned agenda? How many times do we go a different direction because we're just not paying attention or we are in a hurry, so we miss what is right in front of us? I know this happens to me sometimes. I miss blatant opportunities that arise in the moment because I'm so focused on the next thing.

Anyway, I have to admit, I'm not a huge fireworks fan. I don't normally go out of my way to see them; however, when they are right there, I would not be able to turn away.

In John 10:10, Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (ESV). This word "abundant" in the Greek means beyond measure, a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate.

This year, during the grand finale, I got a little emotional. It was so unexpected and yet so welcomed as I allowed this moment to somehow touch me deeply.

May we take time to enjoy what is right in front of us. May we live the abundant life Jesus promises.

Blessings,
Deb

The Newsletter submissions
for the November / December
edition will be due October
22nd.



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Our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sandwichfederatedchurch has our latest information and links to our Virtual Services. If you "like" and "follow" the page you will get information when it is posted there.

The Church videos are on YouTube www.youtube.com/channel/UCl4HVm9Sx98-ZeeFofvB5Cg and have several years of videos for your enjoyment.

Please feel free to share these links with your friends anywhere in the world who would be enriched by our services and like to help spread His Light.

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 A.M. Worship Online Worship Available	2 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)	3 9-1P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)	4 9-1P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 6:30 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)	5 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 1 P.M. Prayer Shawl	6	7
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Newsletter

If you would like to receive your church newsletter via email send a message to:

sandwichchurch@gmail.com
requesting that you be placed on
The Flyer email list.

~ Joisse Rumary

A chalkboard with the words "OFFICE HOURS" written in white chalk. The chalkboard is framed in brown.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

