



The
Community Church
of Sandwich,
New Hampshire



Birthdays & Anniversaries for the month.

Birthdays

February 2 Laurie Norman
February 2 Janet Reidy
February 6 Russ Johnson
February 6 Jennifer Rowan
February 9 Kimberly Bryant
February 9 Judith English
February 11 Samantha Tuttle
February 19 Wendy Chappuis
February 19 Cecelia Hansen
February 23 Jason Brown
February 26 Bill Hoffmann
February 28 Zoe Frentress

Anniversaries

February 16 Steve & Tracy Ripkey



Please fill out a visitors card. Then just drop it into the collection plate.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SANDWICH IS AFFILIATED WITH
THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Deb Hoffman - **Pastor**

Judy English - **Choir Director/Organist**

Joise Rumary - **Administrative Assistant**

Al Handford - **Audio / Visual**

Church Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

After hours Pastoral needs contact Pastor Deb Hoffman @ 570-269-2000.

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FEBRUARY 16, 2025

SUNDAY

10:00AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry of Christian Greeting

*Introit

"Move Me"

UMH #471

*Call to Worship (Based on a writing by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

L: We come to worship today with expectations: prayers we will pray, songs we will sing. We find comfort in the familiar.

P: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

L: Sometimes what feels familiar can grow stale. We stop noticing the power of prayer. We hear but don't really listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

P: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

L: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a difficult word, in a song we love that this time pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

P: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

L: Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work in the familiar and in the unfamiliar.

P: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

*Opening Song of Praise: *"Here I Am to Worship"* Worship & Song #3177

*Opening Prayer: (Based on a prayer written by John van de Laar on Sacredise.com)

Oh God, in a world that can seem cynical and despairing, help us be a voice proclaiming your hope. In a world where anger and violence is experienced, help us be a voice proclaiming your peace. In a world that can feel lonely and inhospitable, help us be a voice proclaiming your compassion and love. May we be so filled with Your Spirit that we cannot help but to whisper, sing, or even shout the message of your unconditional love and unwavering presence that is always with us no matter what. May we be channels of that love and restoring grace wherever you lead us. Amen.

Children's Message: When Pigs Fly

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
 Choral Anthem: "We Remember Thee" Jay Althouse
 *Song of Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94
 *Prayer of Dedication

*Song of Preparation: "When the Church of Jesus" (verses 1, 2) UMH #592

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Page #647

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:21-30 Page #892

Message: "Jesus' Message...Continued"

*Closing Song: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

*Closing Blessing: May we leave here with the realization that God can work through whomever God chooses...so may we listen to everyone, perhaps especially to those with whom we disagree. God is always at work and wants us to become more and more the person and people we are created to be. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Please stand if you are able as indicated by an *.

Liturgist, Usher and Fellowship Schedule			
	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>
Feb 23	Dotty Burrows		Cake for Leadership Sunday
March 2			

ASSISTING IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP
 Deb Hoffman - **Pastor**
 Judy English - **Choir Director/Organist**
 Tony Gasbarro - **Liturgist**
 - **Ushers**
 - **Fellowship**
 Deb Kumpf and Daphne Frentress - **Altar Guild Stewards**

Special Church Membership Meeting: A Special Church Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2025, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of approving or denying the proposed changes to the Community of Church Sandwich Bylaws.

Church Leadership: Past and present will be celebrated, Sunday, February 23

Upper Room Bible Study: Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. on Zoom. If interested, please let Pastor Deb know so she can send you the link.

New Card Ministry: Outreach is now offering a New Card Ministry. This is to help us all stay connected with our community of faith and beyond. Want to send a card to someone? Just pick one up from the box on the table in the back! We also welcome donations! They can be placed in the basket.

The New Data Ministry Team: Met on January 28 and are starting our process on collecting data on all the current activities of the church. We are planning to create a standard questionnaire that can be used for each activity and completed anonymously. This data will then be used for the prayerful decision making of what ministries we feel led to continue.

Thank you Trustees: for ensuring the furnaces in both buildings are fixed.

Newsletter: It's That Time Already!! Newsletter Articles DUE by Wednesday Morning Feb. 19. Please email our Administrative Assistant, Joisse any information, pictures, etc. you would like put in the March/April Newsletter.

Isaiah 61 Café: Thank you to all who participate in this ministry! The next time we serve lunch is Thursday, February 20. The team consists of: Tony Gasbarro, Deb & Rich Kumpf and Mio Kerr. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please call the church office at 603-284-6151.

Save the Dates: Lent is Right Around the Corner! A Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 1, from 8 AM – 4 PM at the Cocchiaro's Holderness Retreat House (Sign up sheet in entranceway). Ash Wednesday is March 5.

Lenten Bible Study: A Sunday night Bible Study will begin on March 9 at 6:30 on Zoom. Based on the Gospel of Luke and using the book Luke in the Land by Kristi McLelland. (Sign up sheet in entranceway)