

# THE FLYER



*Newsletter of the Community Church of Sandwich, New Hampshire*

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## From the Pastor...God Says, "I Am Doing a New Thing"

In the book of Isaiah we hear, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Is. 43:18-19)

Remember the story of Moses and the Israelites? They were slaves for 400 years in Egypt and Moses was sent to set them free. After the final plague they fled and were in the desert for 40 years. At times they grumbled and somehow, their past life in bondage seemed better than their present.

God tells the Israelites, and us, in the book of Isaiah to forget the former circumstances of our lives and see what God is doing in the present. Do you think God's hand is not in the present? We may not understand certain changes in our lives...personally, professionally, governmentally, socioeconomically, etc., but as people of faith, we are called to trust God is ever present...whether we understand circumstances or not.

Just like seeds and bulbs are underground, unseen and seemingly dormant and yet, not. When the time comes, they begin to sprout, bringing beauty to the earth. They don't compare themselves to others. The beautiful spring flowers that pop up, they are living their life in the present...not thinking, "last year was better". In Ecclesiastes we are reminded that to everything there is a season.

We are currently in a season that's a bit tumultuous...perhaps an understatement. Maybe it would be helpful to remember what Apostle Paul tells us when he says that things that are visible are brief and fleeting, while things that are invisible are everlasting (2 Corinth. 4:18).

Do you remember the day everything was closed due to the pandemic? I do. We had to close the church doors on March 15, 2020. Do you remember wearing masks and using lots of hand sanitizers? Do you remember how this made you feel in the beginning? The pit in your stomach? Maybe some fear? Anger? Hurt?

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## CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

### Thank-you Note

☺ Our thanks to Louisa Bryant for the cleaning of the Methodist Meetinghouse for the month of March. Our thanks also to Peter Pohl & Kirke Read for the cleaning of the Methodist Meetinghouse for the month of April.

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



Sunday June 1 after worship  
we will be moving to the  
Baptist Meetinghouse.



Happy Anniversary to the  
following couples !!!

**May 12 Tom and Kathryn Birch**

**May 15 Rich and Deb Kumpf**

**May 22 Lewis and Sharon Vittum**

**June 5 Bill & Silke Hoffman**

**June 16 John & Susan Davies**

**June 18 Kirke & Nancy Read**

**June 21 Fred & Sue Bowden**

*If you have a Birthday or  
Anniversary during this time and  
you do not see it listed here, please  
contact the church office and let us  
know. Thank you*



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

**May 5 Hayden Hillsgrove**

**May 11 Leslie Johnson**

**May 27 Deb Kissell**

**May 29 Bill Borrebach**

**June 2 Kathryn McDonald**

**June 8 Dotty Burrows**

**June 13 Janet Calley**

**June 20 Anita Larson**

**June 24 Jason Haddock**

**June 24 Kirke Read**

**From the Pastor...God Says, "I Am Doing a New Thing" Continued.**

For some it felt dark and heavy and like it would never end. People out of work. Children having school on computers at home. Isolation. It was very visible. And, if we think about it, in the large scale of things, it was fleeting. And afterwards, how many times have we heard of some of the good things that came from it? Of course, not all the aftereffects were positive, but my point being, it happened. It started 5 years ago. We got through it and by the grace of God some good came out of it. Things we would never have dreamed of pre-pandemic.

Isaiah was telling the Israelites their being exiled to Babylon would be different than when they wandered in the wilderness...but again, it wouldn't be forever. They were told to live their lives... have families, plant trees...and eventually, they got to go back and rebuild Jerusalem.

No matter what's going on in our life, in our town, in our state, in our nation or in our world, things happen. By the grace of God, we get through them and some good can come out of it. Eventually, it is behind us, and we are called to move on...learning from the past but not dwelling there. We are called to press on...to be active in our faith however God leads in this time, in these days, in all circumstances, because God continues to do a new thing.

**DEACON NEWS**

We helped our community for the season of Lent by serving a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thank you for your support of this sweet fellowship time!

Closing the season of Lent, our Good Friday service began with a variety of soups and delicious bread and butter in the subdued setting of the fellowship hall. After a moving communion we ended the evening with a solemn service upstairs by the altar.

Easter began on windy Burleigh Hill. Thanks to the Johnsons and all the early risers for participating in the sunrise service. The men of the church were also early risers. They prepared a delicious breakfast casserole and pancake buffet for all in the fellowship hall. Many thanks to Peter, Bob, Warren, and Dennis! We couldn't do it without our cooks! And a big thank you to our church community for your support!

Our Ice Cream Social will continue to be the night of the Sandwich fireworks. Please CHANGE your date to July 5<sup>th</sup>. The fireworks will be the day AFTER the fourth this year. Please let any deacon know if you would like to help serve ice cream this summer.

We also thank you and continue to need your support as liturgists, greeters, and fellowship servers. To give of your time and talents please talk with a deacon, the pastor, or sign up on the easel board in the narthex.

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### Cakes, cookies and pies, OH MY!

The dessert auction sponsored by the Outreach team will take place on June 7th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. It will, once again, be held in the Craft building, located on the Sandwich Fair Grounds. This year all proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Please mark your calendars for this fun and important event. If you or anyone you know would be interested in contributing baked goods, please contact Jackie Berry at 603-279-0450 ([nhcastle777@gmail.com](mailto:nhcastle777@gmail.com)), Mary Hillsgrove 603-707-7997 ([marydrake@aol.com](mailto:marydrake@aol.com)), or Paula Lauricella 978-660-3091 ([pand2dog@gmail.com](mailto:pand2dog@gmail.com)). We look forward to seeing you there.

### Spring Road Clean Up

Hi everyone,

We will be having our spring road clean up right after fellowship on Sunday, May 4. We will be picking up road trash along both sides of Wentworth Hill Road from the Moultonborough town line to the tennis courts in Center Sandwich. About a 2 mile stretch. We will all start near the top of Wentworth Hill Road with half of the volunteers walking towards the Moultonborough town line and the other half will walk towards Center Sandwich. Ideally, a minimum of 8 volunteers works the best. This where we all walk about a mile. It should take about an hour to complete the walk. I usually drive by at the end and pick up all the filled bags. If you think you could help us, please email me at [tmgasbarro@gmail.com](mailto:tmgasbarro@gmail.com) or call my cell at 774-345-0100.

Thank you,

Tony Gasbarro



#### Trustees' Meeting

Thursday May 8th

Thursday June 12th

Both are at 4:00 P.M. (MMH)

#### Board of Outreach

Tuesday May 6

Tuesday June 3rd

at 11:30 A.M. (BMH)

#### Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday May 13th

Tuesday June 10th

Both are at 6:30 P.M. (Zoom)

#### Council Meeting

Tuesday June 17th

at 6:30 P.M. (Zoom)



## **A New Member Class...** will be offered after worship on May 18 from about 11:30 – 2:30ish PM (Lunch Provided)

If you have been worshipping with us and choose to explore the next step of making a further commitment in your spiritual walk and to this particular faith community, please consider taking this one-day class after worship to find out more about what it means to become a member of the Community Church of Sandwich. We'll be going over what the Bible reveals about being part of a faith community, our historical federated Baptist/Methodist roots, our general beliefs as Christians, and what you can expect as a member and what would be expected of you as a member.

There is no pressure or expectation to take the membership vows after taking the class. It is designed to be a source of information to help in knowing what we're about. People who are already members are welcomed to come to the class as a "refresher" ☺.

The class will begin after worship and fellowship time (about 11:30 AM) until 2:30ish PM. Lunch will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the entranceway to the sanctuary of the Methodist Meetinghouse or you can call the church office at 603-284-6151 or email me with your interest in taking the class at [pastordebhoffman@gmail.com](mailto:pastordebhoffman@gmail.com).

Those who choose to take this next step will share their membership vows on Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> during our time of worship.

PS. Don't be surprised if I reach out to some of you with a letter asking the question, "Would you consider taking the New Member Class?" ☺ Blessings, Deb



### **Church Bell Tower**

The Trustees are pleased to report that the work on the bell tower of the Baptist Meeting House will resume in May. The contractor, Tony Hibbard, is constructing the steeple in his workshop and will install it with a large crane. In addition, Adam Nudd Homeyer, a local artisan and owner of the Tappan Chair Shop, has taken the old weather vane and will repair it to its original state. Two individuals have volunteered to cover the cost of the weathervane.

**Sermon Series for the Month of May will be Resurrection Stories from the Gospels:**

5/4 The Miraculous Catch of Fish  
 5/11 The Road to Emmaus  
 5/18 Jesus Appears to His Disciples  
 5/25 The Great Commission  
 6/1 The Ascension



**Mother's Day, May 11** we will be celebrating ALL women. Ladies, feel free to invite your friends and family to worship with you on your special day!

Warren will be making his special French Toast for Fellowship following worship. Yum!

**Membership Class Is Offered May 18 After Worship!**

Ten letters have gone out inviting people to take that next step in taking a membership class which will be held after worship on May 18 from 11:30 AM - 2:30ish PM. Lunch will be provided. Current members are welcome to attend this class as a refresher. Those who choose to affirm their faith and take the vows of membership, will do so on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. This is the day we also celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!



**Trinity Sunday, June 15:** Will be led by various people of the church. Although Pastor Deb will have prepared an order of worship/bulletin along with a message, she and Warren will be out of town that day and so others will be sharing in the different parts of worship that day.

It is also Father's Day on the 15<sup>th</sup>. All men will be celebrated. Gentlemen, feel free to invite your family and friends to worship with you on this special day!



Please mark your calendars now for:



**Saturday, August 23**

We will be resuming our Annual Church Picnic at our home in Tilton. There will be lots of food, games, fellowship and fun! We look forward to it! Blessings, Deb and Warren

FYI: Pastor Deb and Warren will be out of town from June 23 through June 29 as they will be Renewing their Vows and Celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with family and friends in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. (Their anniversary is actually in October; however, the end of June works because school is out for Warren) 😊

## ***LADIES AID – PAST and FUTURE***

**It's a CRAFTING Year!** At our March meeting we decided to focus our meetings this year on making crafts to sell at our Craft Fair in December – or just for ourselves! We were blessed to have Amanda Twaddle come to our April meeting with supplies and instructions for making stretch bracelets – several nice ones were finished! Amanda will join us again in May to teach us how to make bracelets with clasps. And we have plans for some additional types of crafts in June – and maybe into the summer!

Come to our meetings for some creative fun. All ladies are welcome – bring a friend along! Don't forget to bring your lunch.

### ***† Ladies Aid Meetings †***

**Next meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2025** MMH 11:15AM

**Program:** *Amanda Twaddle – clasp bracelets*

**Convener:** *Jennifer Rowan*; **Hostesses:** *Deb Kumpf & Jackie Berry*; **Devotions:** *Paula Lauricella*; **Secretary:** ??

**Thursday, June 12, 2025** MMH (or Fairgrounds?) 11:15AM

**Program:** *Amanda Twaddle – clasp bracelets*

**Convener:** *Susan Davies*; **Hostesses:** ??; **Devotions:** *Susan Davies*; **Secretary:** ??

**Dress A Girl Workshops -- Sewing &/or Cutting** Do you have 2 hours per month to sew &/or cut material for the Dress A Girl Around the World mission? Workshops are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month – see the dates below. Complete kits– including instructions – are always available there if you'd like to pick one up.



Upcoming Workshop Dates (10AM-Noon @ BMH):

**May 16; June 20\*; July 18\*; Aug 15\*; Sept 19**

**\* NOTE: June, July & August sessions will be held at the Fairgrounds – Hodge Building**

Here is a recently-sewn dress. Such fun and bright fabrics to work with. What a treat for a young girl in Africa to receive and wear!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.



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## Word Search



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 BRETHREN  
 COMMUNION  
 CONVERT  
 DEACON  
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 DOCTRINE  
 ELDER  
 EPISTLES  
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MESSIAH	PREACHER	TRINITY
OFFERING	PROPHET	WITNESS



## Help Needed

The Community Food Center (CFC) food pantry at St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley serves families in Tamworth and Sandwich reaching 85 households in 2024. Our mission is to ensure that all residents of Tamworth and Sandwich have access to nutritious food, a mission that we can only achieve with your support.

A basic outline of services provided:

- \* Year-round food assistance plus added food and/or grocery store gift certificates at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- \* Clients select the foods their family needs from our grocery list.
- \* Open to our clients every other Wednesday, 11 am to 3 pm. All of this happens with a 100% volunteer crew.

We rely on both cash and in-kind donations. Cash donations come from many generous individuals, organizations, and faith groups in the area, as well as from the towns of Tamworth and Sandwich. Thankfully, these resources have been stable. In-kind donations of food and other items come from the New Hampshire Food Bank (NHFB), the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and local businesses. They represent over half of the food and personal care items we distribute to our clients.

In 2024, we saw a 10% drop in in-kind donations from NHFB and USDA, while our caseload grew by 14%. This change has strained our resources and ability to meet the increasing demand. Recently, we learned that an additional \$2500 of USDA funding is at risk. This funding is crucial for us. In the growing seasons of 2022 through 2024, these funds allowed CFC to purchase food from local farmers, which our clients sincerely appreciate. Due to these and other substantial cutbacks at USDA, we are reaching out directly to the communities we serve for donations to support our mission.

Please help us continue this important assistance. Checks can be written to the Community Food Center and mailed to us at PO Box 141, Tamworth, NH 03886. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference.

The CFC Board and volunteers thank you. We are dedicated to keeping food on the table for Tamworth and Sandwich families in need.

Maureen Diamond and George Rau, Co-Chairs CFC

### **The Community Church of Sandwich, NH is on Facebook and YouTube.**

Our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/sandwichfederatedchurch](https://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/UCVGiY-RGGNTInPY4Q8YyI8g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVGiY-RGGNTInPY4Q8YyI8g) 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.



## May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 P.M. Prayer Shawl (Tentative)	2 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)	3
4 10 A.M. Worship  Online Worship Available  Road Clean Up after fellowship	5	6 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)  11:30 A.M Outreach (B)  3:00 P.M. Facilities Data Team (B)	7 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)  10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)  6:30 P.M. Upper Room Study (Zoom)	8 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)  11:15 A.M. Ladies Aid (MMH)  4 P.M. Trustees Meeting (MMH & Zoom)	9 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)  10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)	10
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<b>8</b> 10 A.M. Worship  Online Worship Available  Pentecost New Member Sunday	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)  6: 30 P.M. Deacons (Zoom)	<b>11</b> 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)  10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)  6:30 P.M. Upper Room Study (Zoom)	<b>12</b> 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)  11:15 A.M. Ladies Aid (MMH)  4 P.M. Trustees Meeting (MMH & Zoom)	<b>13</b> 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)	<b>14</b>
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<b>29</b> 10 A.M. Worship  Online Worship Available  6:30 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>30</b>					

“B” = Baptist Meetinghouse; “M” = Methodist Meetinghouse

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### **Newsletter**

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~ Joisse Rumary

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