

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

Birthdays

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**

Joisie 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.

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The Community Church of Sandwich, New Hampshire



FEBRUARY 22, 2026

SUNDAY
 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry of Christian Greeting

*Introit: "Lead Me, Lord" UMH #473

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

L: Today, we follow Jesus into the wilderness filled with isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

P: Lead us Lord, help us trust in your mercy.

L: Today we witness Jesus resisting the temptations of doubt, security, power and control.

P: Lead us Lord, to see that we too are tempted by these things.

L: Let us pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and will not abandon us.

ALL: We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us. God is faithful!

*Opening Hymn of Praise: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

*Opening Prayer:

God of Mercy, you meet us in the wilderness places of our lives and walk beside us through trials and temptations. Even when we feel alone, your grace is never far, your presence is never absent. In this moment, help us be united with you with our entire being, knowing you are here with us as individuals and as a community of faith as we begin this Lenten journey. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message: Temptation

Offering
Choral Anthem: "Lord Jesus, You Bore Our Sorrows" Hal H. Hobson
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95
*Prayer of Dedication

Song of Preparation: "Be Still, My Soul" (Verses 1, 2) UMH #534

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Page # 2

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 Page #837

Message: What Tempts You?

Response to the Word: Song from Land of Color: "Don't Let the Enemy In"

*Closing Song: "I Want a Principle Within" UMH #410

*Closing Blessing: May we begin our journey of wilderness knowing we are never alone. May we slow down enough to contemplate what tempts us and turn it over to God in these six weeks. Amen.

Postlude

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

ASSISTING IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Deb Hoffman - **Pastor**
Judy English - **Choir Director/Organist**
Rich Cocchiaro - **Liturgist**
Darlene Atwood & Dotty Burrows - **Ushers**
Rich & Janet Cocchiaro - **Fellowship**
Deb Kumpf & Daphne Frentress - **Altar Guild**

Liturgist, Usher and Fellowship Schedule			
	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>
March 1	Bob Michael	Dennis Lauricella	
March 8		Van & Betsy Adriance	

Today is the First Sunday of Lent.

Pancake Supper: Thanks to all who attended our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper ! We enjoyed the weeknight fellowship time. Special thanks to our cooks and cleaners: Bob M, Dennis L, Tony G, Louisa B, and Nancy R.

Bible Study: We meet on Zoom Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. We are using the Upper Room Devotional for our study. Please let Pastor Deb know if you're interested so you get the Zoom link.

Book Group: We are reading The Lincoln Moon by Michael Price Nelson. We will be discussing this book on Tuesday, March 10th at 10:30 AM, downstairs of the Baptist Meetinghouse, bringing our lunch to share a meal together.

Faith Based Hour: Looking for a way to help your child/ren learn to grow in Faith? Pastor Deb Hoffman of the Community Church of Sandwich and volunteers are offering an after school faith-based hour of activities including music, crafts, prayer, a Bible story and snacks. Starting in March on Wednesdays, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1 from 2:30 - 3:30 PM. Our topic will be Faith! For ages 5 - 12 parents are welcome to attend , but not required to stay. Please RSVP by March 4th to Deb Hoffman pastordebhoffman@gmail.com with the name and age of your child/ren. We want to ensure we have enough age-appropriate materials for all...and of course, enough snacks! For questions please contact: Cayla Peaslee at cmpeaslee@gmail.com or Heather Allen at HeatherQuinn79@gmail.com

Deacons Meeting: Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

Isaiah Café 61: The next luncheon will be served on Thursday, February 26th. The team consists of team leaders, Steve and Lisa Girard along with Deb and Rich Kumpf and Leslie Avery. If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve, please contact pastor Deb.

Directory Correction: Please make the following correction to your copy of church directory. Judy English has a new email. itenh.201@gmail.com

