

THE FLYER



Newsletter of the Community Church of Sandwich, New Hampshire

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From the Pastor...What Lens Are You Living Through?

Have you ever had a perfect morning? The smell and taste of fresh brewed coffee (or tea), time to sit, read or journal and just "be" ...then...you bundle up and go outside for a walk, and the sky is so blue, the sun is shining so brightly, and it is just so beautiful. Gratefulness fills your heart. You find yourself smiling, enjoying this special time. When you get back inside, you take a nice hot shower. You feel grateful for the smell of the soap, the steam, the refreshing cleansing of your body...AND THEN...a full bottle of shampoo falls onto your little toe and now that is your whole world. It throbs. It's not broken but certainly bruised and you will definitely lose your toenail. Suddenly, all your thoughts and energy turn towards your toe. It's all you can think about. Even later, putting on your shoe...it hurts. Walking hurts. Sitting still hurts. It's as if the first part of the morning didn't even happen. You forget about the hot coffee, the quiet time, the beauty outside, the steamy shower. The day went from this wonderful beginning with your heart full of gratitude, to the small world of a hurt toe. It even takes over your conversations...it's like you must tell everyone what happened.

Yes, this really happened to me some time ago, but I'm still finding meaning in it (and still telling everyone about it). ☺

I'm not a photographer, but I know there are wide lenses that capture a large area and zoom lenses that focus on something close up. I think we experience life like this. I believe we are meant to be open, living life with a wide lens. Seeing the beauty and the good and feeling the love along with seeing the difficult, acknowledging the injustices and feeling the pain. But somehow, as human beings we tend to get super-focused on one or two things, living our life with a zoom lens and it can stop us from living the larger, abundant life we are meant to live.

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CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Thank-you Note

☺ Our thanks to Mary Hillsgrove & Deb Kissell for the cleaning of the Methodist Meetinghouse for the month of January. Our thanks also to Jennifer Rowan, Jeanne Burden, Teresa Tennyson, Bob Michael for the cleaning of the Methodist Meetinghouse for the month of February.

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

March 1 Jackson Bryant

March 1 Louisa Bryant

March 2 Deb Kumpf

March 5 Peter Gifford

March 10 Darlene Atwood

March 13 Bert Hansen

March 15 Rich Kumpf

March 15 Tracy Ripkey

March 31 Paula Kuehn

April 1 Al Handford

April 6 John Davies

April 6 Nancy Heard

April 7 Paula Lauricella

April 8 Mary Hillsgrove

April 9 Deb Hoffman

April 9 Heather English

April 11 Darlene Eldridge

April 12 Nancy Read

April 13 Dean Roth 99 this yr

April 17 Doris Roth

April 18 Peter Pohl

April 22 Kevin Boswell

April 23 Mary Fleischmann

April 30 Richard Frentress



The Newsletter submissions for the May / June edition will be due. April 17th.



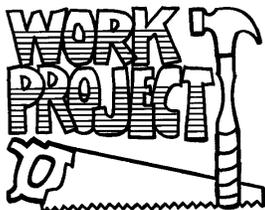
Happy Anniversary to the following couples !!!

April 7 Adam & Nancy Heard

April 12 Jim & Laurie Norman

April 14 Kevin & Cheryl Boswell

April 21 John and Fran Howe



Hi my name is Kyle Birch, I live in Center Sandwich and I'm available to do odd jobs, inside or out. Please contact me through my email kylebirch83@gmail.com or call 603-581-6699

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Just like that little bruised toe can become everything, at least for a while, we can sometimes make hurt feelings or what we view in the news or some inadequacy or dashed expectation become everything. We zoom in and our focus is only there.

It's my prayer that as we enter this season of Lent, we can learn from this and live these days using a wide lens, letting it all in, holding onto our gratitude while reflecting on our struggles, knowing that all things...even a hurt little pinky toe...can be used for good.

Gratefully,

Deb

LADIES AID – PAST and FUTURE: After a very successful Chowder Luncheon / Craft Sale and Cookie Plate distribution in December, Ladies Aid took January and February off. But NOW we are getting back in the 'groove' of meetings each 2nd Thursday.

March & April: We had fun crafting last year at our meetings. Should we continue? Come to our March meeting to help us plan the upcoming year – all ladies are welcome! Don't forget to bring your lunch.

† Ladies Aid Meetings †

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2026 MMH 11:15AM

Program: *Planning Programs & Events*

Thursday, April 9, 2026 MMH 11:15AM



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 3rd Friday of each month in the BMH basement. Complete kits– including instructions – are always available for pick up

Upcoming Workshop Dates (10AM-Noon @ BMH): **Mar 20; Apr 17; May 15**

Check out these recently-sewn dresses. Just last month our group sent 19 dresses on their way to Africa.





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.

Decode the Message

Decode the message that we find in Luke 6:35.

1=A 2=B 3=C 4=D 5=E 6=G 7=H 8=I 9=L 10=M 11=N 12=O 13=P 14=R
15=S 16=T 17=U 18=V 19=X 20=Y

2	17	16	9	12	18	5	20	12	17	14	5	11	5	10	8	5	15
4	12	6	12	12	4	1	11	4	9	5	11	4					
5	19	13	5	3	16	8	11	6	11	12	16	7	8	11	6		
8	11	14	5	16	17	14	11										

Write the words below

Answers: But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.



Church Meetings

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday March 17th
Tuesday April 14th
at 6:30 P.M. (Zoom)

Board of Outreach

Tuesday March 3rd
Tuesday April 7th
Both are at 11:00 A.M. (BMH)

Trustees' Meeting

Thursday March 12th
Thursday April 9th
Both are at 4:00 P.M. (MMH)

Council Meeting

Tuesday April 21st
at 6:30 P.M. (Zoom)

Lent and Easter Worship



On Saturday, February 21 we held a one day Lenten Retreat in Holderness Retreat House. Thank you to Rich and Janet Cocchiario for once again opening up their home for this time. Our focus was on a book entitled "On Love...20 Lessons for the World We Seek" by Paul and Janet Chilcote. We read, reflected and journaled. We worshiped together. We shared in how this book spoke to us, and of course we shared in a meal.

Sunday Lenten Message Topics:

March 1 Abraham and Nicodemus

March 8 Meeting Jesus at the Well

March 15 Spiritual Blindness

March 22 Zombies



Palm Sunday is March 29. We will begin worship with celebration and a waving of the palms but end with the beginning of the passion, when Jesus asks his Disciples to prepare the room for the Passover.

Good Friday Service

On April 3rd at 6 PM we will begin our time together with a simple meal of soup and bread downstairs at the Methodist Meetinghouse. Remembering that Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples, we will share in Holy Communion at the end of the meal. Then we will journey upstairs to the sanctuary to remember the Garden of Gethsemane, the capture, torture and hanging of Jesus on the cross.





Sunrise Easter Service will be held on April 5 at 6:00 AM at the Johnson home, 48 Holderness Rd. Center Sandwich. Breakfast follows at the Methodist Meetinghouse.



Easter Celebration will be held at the Methodist Meetinghouse on April 5th 10 AM.

[this photo](#) by Unknown Author

(See what happens when we open the box where we buried the A - e - uia's)

Other Happenings



Earth Day

We will be recognizing Earth Day in worship on Sunday, April 19 and share ways we can all be kinder to the earth.

Each year, a class is offered that goes over what it means to take the step of becoming a member of this faith community.

This year, our classes will be held on Sunday, April 26th and Sunday, May 3rd after worship (from about 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (lunch will be provided).



During this class we will cover things such as: What Does the Bible say about Church Membership? Some Basics of Christianity. What Does It Mean to Be Federated? Some Baptist and Methodist History. What Does It Mean to Make a Commitment to this Church?

If, after taking the class you feel led to take the vows of membership, an opportunity to make a formal commitment before God and the faith community will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, during our time of Worship.

Sign-up information for these classes will be forthcoming.

LEADERSHIP 2026

On Sunday, February 15 we celebrated Leadership Sunday.

We want to thank those who have served and stepped down in various roles:

Deb Kumpf – Treasurer
Kirke Read – Trustee/Tom McIlvain – Trustee
Kathryn Birch – Deacon/Dick Devens - Deacon
Paula Lauricella – Nominating
Lois Merrithew – Historical Records & Memorial Gifts

We want to welcome those entering into new roles:

Wendy Wallace – Treasurer
Deb Kumpf – Asst. Treasurer
Teresa Tennyson – Clerk
Betsy Staber - Trustee

We also want to thank all those who signed up for another 2-year term:

Van Adriance – Asst. Treas./Lucy Glenday – Asst. Treas.
Kathryn Birch – Financial Sec.
Nancy Read Asst. Fin. Sec.
Sue Bowden – Asst. Fin. Sec./PSR
Al Handford – Auditor/Sue Bowden – Auditor
Tony Gasbarro – Auditor – Discretionary Fund Only
Marshall Davis – ABC Rep.
Louisa Bryant – Deacon/Tom Larson – Deacon/Dennis Lauricella – Deacon
Peter Pohl – Trustee/Bob Michael – Trustee
Samantha Tuttle – Outreach/Mary Hillsgrove – Outreach
Pete Gifford – Historical Records & Memorial Gifts
Jane Quimby – Historical Records & Memorial Gifts
Lois Merrithew- Nominating

Lastly, we thank those who are continuing their term:

Tony Gasbarro-Co-Moderator
Jennifer Rowan-Co-Moderator/Trustees/PSR
Nancy Read – Deacons
Dotty Burrows – Deacons
Ray Elliott – Trustees
Al Handford – Trustees
Jackie Berry – Outreach/PSR
Paula Lauricella – Outreach
Deb Kissell – Outreach

**WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU USING YOUR TALENTS
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!**

Fun Faith Hour

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!



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.



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

For questions please contact:

Cayla Peaslee at cmpeaslee@gmail.com or

Heather Allen at HeatherQuinn79@gmail.com





Dean Roth's

100th

Birthday Celebration

April 11 at 2-4 pm

Pemi Valley Church

1091 Daniel Webster Hwy. Rte 3

North Woodstock, NH

Your presence is the only gift we desire.

Cards and notes can be sent

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*Dear Friends
Dean was a former
Pastor from
1969-1981*

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10 A.M. Worship</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Online Worship Available</p>	2	<p>3 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>11:00 A.M. Outreach (B)</p>	<p>4 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6:30 P.M. Upper Room Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>5 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>12:30 P.M. Prayer Shawl at Jackie Berry's House</p>	<p>6 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	7
<p>8 10 A.M. Worship</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Online Worship Available</p>	9	<p>10 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	<p>11 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p>	<p>12 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>11:15 A.M. Ladies Aid (M)</p> <p>4 P.M. Trustees Meeting (M) & Zoom)</p>	<p>13 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	14
<p>15 10 A.M. Worship</p> <p>4th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Online Worship Available</p>	16	<p>17 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10:30 Book Group w/ Lunch</p> <p>6: 30 P.M. Deacons (Zoom)</p>	<p>18 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6:30 P.M. Upper Room Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>19 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10 - 2 P.M. Isaiah 61 Café Ministry</p>	<p>20 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10 A.M. Dress a Girl Workshop</p>	21
<p>22 10 A.M. Worship</p> <p>5th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Online Worship Available</p>	23	<p>24 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	<p>25 9-1P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6:30 P.M Upper Room Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>26 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10 - 2 P.M. Isaiah 61 Café Ministry</p>	<p>27 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	28
<p>29 10 A.M. Worship</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	30	31				

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<p>5 6 A.M. Sunrise Service</p> <p>10 A.M. Worship Easter Sunday</p> <p>Online Worship Available</p>	6	<p>7 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>11:00 A.M. Outreach (B)</p>	<p>8 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6:30 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>9 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>11:15 A.M. Ladies Aid (M)</p> <p>4 P.M. Trustees Meeting (M & Zoom)</p>	<p>10 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>Pastor at ABC Conference.</p>	<p>11 Pastor at ABC Conference.</p>
<p>12 10 A.M. Worship 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Online Worship Available</p>	13	<p>14 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6: 30 P.M. Deacons (Zoom)</p>	<p>15 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6:30 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>16 Pastor Out Of Office</p> <p>10 - 2 P.M. Isaiah 61 Café Ministry</p>	<p>17 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>Pastor Out Of Office</p> <p>10AM-Noon Dress A Girl Workshop</p>	18
<p>19 10 A.M. Worship</p> <p>Earth Day</p> <p>Online Worship Available</p>	20	<p>21 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6:30 P.M. Church Council (Zoom)</p>	<p>22 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6:30 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>23 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	<p>24 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	25
<p>26 10 A.M. Worship</p> <p>Online Worship Available</p> <p>11:30 New Member Class</p>	27	<p>28 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	<p>29 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>6:30 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>30 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10 - 2 P.M. Isaiah 61 Café Ministry</p>	<p>31 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)</p> <p>10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)</p>	

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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 a wooden frame. The words "OFFICE HOURS" are written on the board in white chalk. There are some faint lines and marks on the board, suggesting it was used for writing.

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.**