

Birthdays & Anniversaries for the month.

Birthdays

May 5 Hayden Hillsgrove
 May 10 Connie Yanuszewski
 May 11 Leslie Johnson
 May 27 Deb Kissell
 May 29 Bill Borrebach

Anniversaries

May 12 Tom and Kathryn Birch
 May 15 Rich and Deb Kumpf
 May 22 Lewis and Sharon Vittum



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, Jennifer Rowan, Warren Hoffman and Teresa Tennyson - **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



MAY 3, 2026

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry of Christian Greeting

*Introit: *"Lead Me, Lord" (Sing through twice)*

UMH #473

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

L: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of worry and distress, sadness and grief, Jesus assures us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of misinformation, too much information, confusion, and distrust,
 Jesus reminds us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: In the midst of paths to choose and decisions that seem impossible,
 Jesus shows us:

P: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

L: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow the paths of Christ.

ALL: Let us worship together with the eyes of our hearts wide open.

*Opening Hymn: *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* Worship & Song #3008

*Opening Prayer

Dear God, we come before you grateful for all the opportunities we have in this part of our eternal life. Sometimes we come to a crossroads in life, and we need your help because, when there is a choice to be made, a path to take, as individuals and as a community of faith, we do not always know what to choose. We will ponder it from all different angles and still feel unsettled. Please quiet any fears of making a poor choice. Help us find comfort in knowing that you are with us always and we can always pray for your wisdom. Help us see what you desire for us, knowing that it might not be the easiest or quickest way, but may you give us the wisdom to choose wisely and proceed calmly, clearly, and steadily. Please show us the next step, helping us proceed one step at a time. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Offering
 Choral Anthem: "At the Table of the Lord" Jay Althouse
 *Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94
 *Prayer of Dedication

Children's Message Choices in Life...
 "There's Not Always a "Right" and a "Wrong"

Song of Preparation: "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" UMH #164

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Old Testament reading: Proverbs 4:10-18 Page #549

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14 Page #938

Message: Paths and Choices

Response to the Word: Sharing in Holy Communion
 Prayer of Repentance
 Song of Preparation: "Take Our Bread" (Vs. 1) UMH #640
 The Great Thanksgiving
 Sharing the Elements

*Closing Song "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

*Closing Blessing in Song: From Numbers 6:24-26. The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you, be gracious unto you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. A---men, Amen, Amen. A---men, Amen, Amen. (Repeat)

Postlude

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

<p align="center">ASSISTING IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP Deb Hoffman - Pastor Judy English - Choir Director/Organist Bob Michael - Liturgist Darlene Atwood & Dotty Burrows - Ushers Dotty Burrows - Fellowship Betsy Adriance - Altar Guild</p>

Kids Church: Teachers meeting after worship today.

New Member Class: Second Class is today at 11:30 AM. Classes will continue after worship and fellowship time today, May 3rd. A light lunch will be provided. Anyone deciding to join the church will do so on Pentecost, May 24.

Outreach Team: Meets Tuesday, May 5th at 11 AM at the Baptist Meetinghouse. We will be continuing to organize the Dessert Auction for June 20th.

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

Prayer Shawl: Meets May 7th, at 12:30 PM at Jackie Berry's home. If you are interested in this ministry, please call 603-279-0450 for more information and for directions.

Ladies Aid: Brief Meeting & Crafts. Thursday, May 14th at 11:15 AM. Downstairs of the Methodist Meetinghouse.. After a brief meeting, we will resume crafting for our Annual Chowder Luncheon in December. Remember to bring your lunch!

Trustee Meeting: Thursday, May 14th at 4 PM at the Methodist Meetinghouse and Zoom.

Guest Preacher: On May 17th we will have a guest preacher: Dr. Rev. Wesley Palmer from the Preacher's Aid Society.

Isaiah Café 61: The next luncheon will be served on Thursday, May 21st. The team consists of team leader, Tony Gasbarro, Jennifer Rowan, Louisa Bryant, Colleen & Connie Yanuszewski. If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve, please contact Pastor Deb.

Roadside Cleanup: Thank you to those who assisted in the Route 109 cleanup last Sunday. This included: The Peaslee family, Bryan, Cayla, Simon, and Olivia, Jennifer Rowan, Betsy Staber, Ray Elliott, Peter Pohl, Kirke Read, Van Adriance, and Jennifer Quimby. Thank you, Tony G.

Liturgist, Usher and Fellowship Schedule			
	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
May 10	Deb Kumpf	Betsy & Van Adriance	Mothers Day Cake
May 17	Tom Larson	Colleen & Connie Y.	Dotty Burrows