

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 24, 2026

SUNDAY

10:00AM

PENTECOST AND NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry of Christian Greeting

*Introit: *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* (Sing through twice) UMH #328

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

L: The Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

L: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and with one another.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

L: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

L: The Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

ALL: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our own family, neighborhood, community of faith, and wherever God leads us.

*Opening Hymn: *"The Gift of Love"* UMH #408

*Unison Opening Prayer: (Based on a writing by Beth Merrill Neel)

Holy God, we ask for your Spirit to amend our lives so that we can grow more each day into the person and people you created us to be. We confess that we can fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to be with people who think and act similarly to us...and so we can avoid others who are different from us. We are here Lord to learn how to live out your call...to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living and so we ask you

to help us. Give us guidance and strength and the courage to make any necessary changes, as individuals and as a community of faith. We ask that you give us the energy, the intelligence, the imagination, and the love to be your people in all that we say and do. Amen.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: "Canon for Pentecost" David Catherwood

*Song of Dedication: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Message: What Gifts Do You Have?
Children are invited to go to Kids Church downstairs

Prayers of the People and Special Memorial Day Prayer

*Hymn of Response: "America the Beautiful" UMH #696

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 104:24-34 Page #523

New Testament Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 Page #999
Acts 2:1-23 Page #948

Message: Holy Spirit, Giver of Gifts

Response to the Word: Song of Response: "Many Gifts, One Spirit" UMH #114
Affirmation of Faith and Formal Reception
into this Faith Community:

**Jaiying Zhu (Iris) Mowry
Teresa Tennyson**

*Closing Hymn: "We are the Church" UMH #558

*Closing Blessing: Let us go in the blessing of the Spirit who inspires us, empowers us and emboldens us to live the life that God intended for us to live. In our diversity, may we embrace the unity we have through our Lord, who binds us together. Amen.

Postlude

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

Welcome New Members: We are welcoming new members today, May 24th, Jaiying Zhu (Iris) Mowry and Teresa Tennyson.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 25th at 10 AM there will be a memorial service at the Memorial by the Sandwich Post Office.

Facilities Data Team: Will meet Tuesday, May 26th at 2 PM on Zoom.

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.

Isaiah Café 61: The next luncheon will be served on Thursday, May 28th The team consists of team leader, Jackie Berry, Jeanne Burden, Paula Lauricella, Dennis Lauricella, Jason Haddock. If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve, please contact Pastor Deb.

Pastor at Conference: Pastor Deb will be attending the Methodist Annual Conference in Manchester NH on Thursday – Saturday, June 4-6.

The Big Move: Our last time of worship here at the Methodist Meetinghouse will be Sun. June 7th. After worship, we will move everything over to the Baptist Meetinghouse and begin worship there on June 14th.

The Dessert Auction: Mark your calendars! Saturday, June 20th at 10 AM in the Craft Building at the Fairgrounds Please contact Jackie Berry or Paula Lauricella if you'd like to bake for this event. Proceeds to go to the Lakes Region Food Pantry for their Summer Kids Lunch & Back to School Program.

ASSISTING IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Deb Hoffman - **Pastor**

Judy English - **Choir Director/Organist**

Kathryn Birch - **Liturgist**

Dennis Lauricella & Peter Pohl - **Ushers**

New Member Celebration - **Fellowship**

Betsy Adriance - **Altar Guild**

Liturgist, Usher and Fellowship Schedule

Liturgist

Ushers

Fellowship

May 31 Susan Price Tom Larson Special Fellowship with Mary and Hayden Hillsgrove

June 7 Bob Michael Moving to BMH