

THE FLYER



Newsletter of the Community Church of Sandwich, New Hampshire

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From the Pastor...Becoming Who You Already Are

Howard Thurman (1899-1981) an American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader once said, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

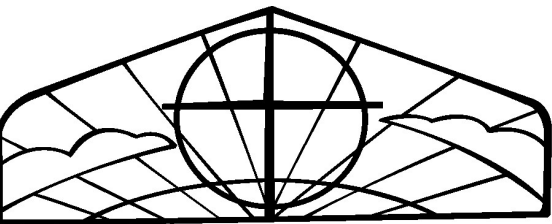
I don't know about you, but when I was college age, I was influenced by what I was told was needed at that time—teachers and nurses...so I began my college experience as a teenager majoring in education, not because of some burning desire, but I was convinced it was the "logical" decision. Twenty years later, I continued my education, this time to get my Bachelors' Degree in Business, again, not because of any burning desire, but in order to be eligible to receive promotions at the Fortune 500 Company I was working for.

In my youth, my passion was music. I LOVED playing music. At different times between the ages of 25 and 35 I played in a wedding band, a country band, a blues band and I played my folk music in restaurant bar settings. I couldn't believe that I could play music for hours AND get paid for it!! Someone once told me that you've found your niche in life when what you do is something you would do for free if you were independently wealthy. Music was that for me. Later in life, from my mid-forties to the present time, it is ministry.

You say, "Well, I'm retired." That doesn't get you "off the hook" 😊. Of course, you still have passions and talents...it's just part of who you are!

This part of our eternal life is short in comparison to forever... doesn't it then make sense to not let our lives be shaped by what we think is needed, but rather to be shaped by what brings us to life? And it's different for all of us.

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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) with your request and it will be printed in the next newsletter.



Sunday May 31 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**

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 10 Connie Yanuszewski**
- 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...Becoming Who You Already Are. Continued.

Thomas Merson (1915-1968) an American Trappist Monk, theologian, writer and social activist, once said, "We are to become what we already are." If we believe that we are God's creation and that the Spirit of God dwells within us, then the person God created us to be, is who we really are. And you can count on God filling each of us with a passion of our own that brings us to life...whether it's helping others in the way of feeding the hungry, helping the sick, encouraging the down-trodden, working with children, working with the elderly, working with people who struggle with mental illness or struggle with addiction. Or maybe your passion is in your creativity, or in your abilities to build or organize. Maybe your passion lies in leading or having a governmental voice or social activist stance. The list is endless. We are all created with passions and talents, and I believe that as long as we are on this side of our eternal life, there is a purpose in being who we are.

So, it is my prayer for all of us as Winter turns into Spring (it is sure taking it's good ole' time!) and Spring turns into Summer, that we will become who we already are...reclaiming what brings us life and then, as Howard Thurman says, "...go do it."

LADIES AID – PAST and FUTURE:

May & June: We had fun crafting last year at our meetings, so we are continuing. Come to our May meeting to help us finish the project we started in April: Paper wreaths made from old hymnals! Then we'll either do more finishing or start a new project in June.

All ladies are welcome! Don't forget to bring your lunch.

† Ladies Aid Meetings †

Next meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026 MMH 11:15AM

Thursday, June 11, 2026 MMH 11:15AM



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.

Upcoming Workshop Dates (10AM-Noon @ BMH): **May 15; June 19**
Check out these recently-sewn dresses. We're delivering 25+ dresses this month!

Dress A Girl Workshops



Cakes, cookies and pies, OH MY!

The dessert auction sponsored by the Outreach team will take place on June 20th, 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 Lakes Region Food Pantry in

Moultonbouro. Donations will be used for the children's summer lunch program, the back to school backpack and sneakers program and winter boots for seniors. 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) or Paula Lauricella 978-660-3091 (pand2dog@gmail.com) . We look forward to seeing you there.

Deacons

The deacons were blessed to offer several activities during Lent this year. Our Good Friday service began with a simple meal of soup and bread. Louisa B., Kate S., and Nancy R. prepared three different soups, which were served by Susan P., Betsy S., Tom L., Jennifer R., and Jackie B. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone for sharing their time and talents. Following the meal, we shared Holy Communion and proceeded into the sanctuary for a moving service.

On Easter morning, while the sunrise service was underway, a team of volunteers prepared our sunrise breakfast. This year's crew included Ray E., Bob M., Peter P., Tony G., Dennis L., Bob S., and Steve G. They remarkably had the kitchen and dishes cleaned before breakfast was even served. Thank you for your service, and thank you to ALL community members who SUPPORTED these activities by attending.

If you would like to share your time or talents as a Liturgist, Greeter/usher, or Fellowship cook/server during our weekly services, please speak with the pastor or any deacon.



Trustees' Meeting

Thursday May 14th

Thursday June 11th

at 4:00 P.M. (MMH) (Zoom)

Board of Outreach

Tuesday May 5th

Tuesday June 2nd

at 11:00 A.M. (BMH)

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday May 19th

Tuesday June 9th

at 6:30 P.M. (Zoom)

Council Meeting

Tuesday June 16th

at 6:30 P.M. (Zoom)

2nd Membership Class Is Offered May 3rd After Worship!

Information has gone out and one class has been held...but if you've been "on the fence" thinking about church membership and taking this class, it's still not too late. Just give me a call (570) 269-2000 and then come to the class on May 3rd, after worship, from about 11:30 AM - 1:30 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, May 24th. This is the day we also celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!



Mother's Day, May 10 we will be celebrating ALL women. Ladies, feel free to invite your friends and family to worship with you on your special day! The topic will be "Celebrating the Christian Home".

Sunday, May 17th we will have a guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Wesley Palmer, the Executive Director of the Preacher's Aid Society in Wells, ME. Rev. Palmer enjoys preaching throughout the region and so was invited to join us on this day and share in worship with us.



Trinity Sunday, May 31: The day we will celebrate the relational dimension of our God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

June 21st is Father's Day. All men will be celebrated. Gentlemen, feel free to invite your family and friends to worship with you on this special day!



Also on June 21st, we start our 6 week Summer Series on The Lord's Prayer.

Please mark your calendars now for:



Saturday, August 29

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

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9-2P.M. Church Office Hrs (B)	2
3 10 A.M. Worship Communion Online Worship Available 11:30 A.M. New Membership Class	4	5 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 11:00 A.M Outreach (B)	6 9-2 P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 6:30 P.M. Upper Room Study (Zoom)	7 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 12:30 P.M. Prayer Shawl	8 9-2 P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)	9
10 10 A.M. Worship Online Worship Available Mothers Day	11	12 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)	13 9-2 P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 6:30 P.M. Upper Room Study (Zoom)	14 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 11:15 A.M. Ladies Aid (M) 4 P.M. Trustees Meeting (MMH & Zoom)	15 9-2 P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 10 A.M. Dress a Girl Workshop	16 Pastor Attending Bishop Regional Mtg. 10 - Noon
17 10 A.M. Worship Online Worship Available	18	19 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 6: 30 P.M. Deacons (Zoom)	20 9-2 P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 6:00 P.M. Upper Room Study Covered Dish	21 Pastor working from home. 10 - 2 P.M. Isaiah 61 Café Ministry	22 9-2 P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)	23
24 10 A.M. Worship Online Worship Available Pentecost New Member Sunday	25 Memorial Day	26 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)	27 9-2 P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 6:30 P.M. Upper Room Study (Zoom)	28 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B) 10 - 2 P.M. Isaiah 61 Café Ministry	29 9-2 P.M. Church Office Hrs (B) 10-4 P.M. Pastor's Office Hrs (B)	30
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Pastor's Office Hours

**Tuesday - Friday
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**