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A Joyous Time

There is an old Dutch proverb, “*Vele handen maken licht werk*” translates “*many hands make light work*”. The proverb emphasizes the power of teamwork, the efficiency of collective efforts. It suggests that complex tasks become more manageable when several people divide up a project.

In late Spring, Tivvi Paré, Horton Center Executive Director at Pine Mountain, contacted the church to put us in contact with Aidan Kelly, Associate Pastor of the Mystic, Connecticut Congregational Church, U.C.C. Aidan asked if 6 youth and 5 adults could come to Conway Village to learn about the reality of Global Warming and Periodic Flooding. They came to receive a tour of the flood damage and have their questions answered - - this took one hour. The group then spent the next 3 hours covering windows with plastic and then spreading stain on the North wall of the Brown Church. They broke for a lunch of sandwiches, chips, and cold drinks prepared by the Horton Center kitchen - - They had a dessert of chocolate chip cookies, which I prepared and blessed so they would have no calories!

This project served two functions, **1)** it gave a senior high youth group a mission project important to their development, and **2)** it helped frame and answer concerns they have as they look to protecting their church, because the Mystic Congregational Church is in a flood zone. The sharing of information, the sharing of labor, the sharing of fellowship and comradery made the project joyous.

The project was an example of “*many hands make light work*” but also an example of how sister churches can learn and support each other in times of need. It is my hope that youth programs within the Mount Washington Valley might feel moved to learn about the realities of periodic flooding, global warming, and how shared sacrifice can bring joy to your life.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. John Hughes <}}><< <}}><< <}}><<<





Trustee Ministry

HOT! Just plain hot!!! And despite that, we still pulled off a successful event on July 13th and a church service under the tent on the 14th. This was the first service we have had at the church since the flood. The Trustees and the Council recently had their meetings at the church, but without air conditioning, it is difficult.

On Saturday, we had our Yard Sale event which also included crafts and a bake sale in Fellowship Hall (with no AC!). It was done jointly with the Conway Historical Society. It was a hot day and the set up started at 7 AM. A big thank you to all those who helped set up, work the event, and clean up at the end of the day.

The breakdown: Bake Sale, \$468. Wood items, \$95 Quilting, \$207 Donations, \$430 and the Yard Sale, \$2,892.10. TOTAL \$4,092.10.



While we had the tent up an extra day, it was decided to hold the July 14th service under the tent. We had fifty-two attend the service despite the heat. Thank you to Jill Reynolds and Dick Vierus for the sing along music. More photos on the next page. After the service, we had coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Paul and Sylvia Weld for organizing!

The July 21st Special Meeting will have taken place by the time you receive the newsletter. Some of you will receive the handouts in the mail, others can print them off the Eblast that was sent July 15th. More will be available that

day. The service is at 9:30 and the meeting will start at 10:30.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ATTEND!

We will review the by-law changes, the updated 2024 budget and share with you the status of the repairs to the church and funds raised to date. We have a proposed timeline for repairs and estimated costs to date. We will talk about a Flood Recovery Appeal to church members.

Keep cool!
Anne Getchell

Trustee Board ~ Anne Getchell, John Edgerton, Duddie Andrews, Nancy Irving, Nancy Divine, Tom Workman, ex officio member, Treasurer



Photos provided by Rachel Sharples & CVCC parishioners.



CVCC Food Pantry

On Saturday, July 13th, Paul and Sylvia gave our pantry clients bags of fresh produce, canned goods, meat and rolls. We are working diligently to get the pantry open!

Paul and Sylvia are looking for help to back them up with the Food Pantry. If anyone is willing to step up and help, we will share how the pantry operates. You can send an e-mail to info@thebrownchurch.org or call the office at 603-447-3851 and the message will get to us. Thanks!



Outreach Committee

Anne Getchell, Charlyne Gray, Marilyn Hughes, & Charles Monaghan



EXPLORE & GIVE BACK!



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Fight Hunger Bag Program

With your help, we raised \$41 during the month of June!! Thank you for your support!



Deacons Serving the Lord

My message is an attempt to share the incredible weekend of Saturday July 13th Yard Sale 9am-3pm & Sunday July 14th Worship & Praise Church service @ 10am under the tent.

Leading up to the weekend was crazy busy. Saturday, July 13 started around 6:30am setting up the tables, bringing everything out to designated areas: kitchen items, dishes, glassware, furniture, puzzles (over 250!), books, exercise & sports equipment, children's items, Christmas decorations, a table of "make an offer" and an area for "free stuff".

"Early birds" started showing up by 7:30. We were unpacking boxes throughout the day. As soon as there was space available, more items were displayed. It was definitely hot, but cold bottled water was available all day. The job of separating out the items to be brought to the "free" area at the top of the hill began at about 2:15. A carload of items were taken to Harvest Hills for their thrift shop. The remaining items were temporarily moved into the classroom. Tables were packed up and everything was done by 4:30 when it started raining.

From 9am to 3pm fellowship hall hosted the sales of crafted wood items provided by Bob, a variety of Charlyne's hand quilted items, along with lots of baked goods. Nancy Irving manned the register and handled all credit cards sales.

Also taking place Saturday morning, for the first time since December, was a food pantry distribution! Paul and Sylvia have been diligent in keeping in contact with the Brown Church Pantry families since the flood, some of whom have not been able to participate with the Vaughn food pantry program. In addition to the usual items, were farm fresh vegetables donated by local farmers and frozen ground beef from Sherman's Farm. Maintaining these relationships is priceless, thank you both.

Sunday was another morning of setting up under the tent. Chairs were arranged, microphones, a speaker, and other "tech stuff", the altar, an area for live music and a large fan. 52 people were blessed to experience a truly wonderful event. Dick and Jill played guitar and Alice led the singing of some old familiar hymns. The last one was a sing-along "Joy, joy, joy"!

The children's message was entertaining for the young and the young at heart. I for one look forward to another visit from the "special guest". The moral of the story is "do unto others as we want others to do unto us".

At the end of the service, Jill took the opportunity to talk about the Brown church tradition of ending worship with a friendship circle. It's been many years since we've joined hands to sing the words "God be with you till we meet again".

Immediately following worship, we were invited inside for the first fellowship hour since December. Craft and baked good sales continued during Fellowship benefiting the church. There were monetary donations for the food pantry to purchase perishable food items as well.

The weekend was a great success! Many hands were needed to coordinate and make sure the weekend was successful, both financially and spiritually. THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!

On a serious note: "To be able to take care of others you must take care of yourself first..." One of the members of the Diaconate needs to step off the board at the end of October. If you might be interested in becoming a Deacon, please let us know.

I wish there was a way to share the warmth and sense of "coming home" that I continue to experience.

I overheard the best description ~ "My cup is full"!

God be with you till we meet again, Beth



Diaconate ~ Co-Chairs: Louise Saxby & Judy Workman, Beth Campbell (Secretary), Jill Reynolds and Charles Monaghan

August Birthdays



 Nancy Divine
 Bob Howe
 Colleen Albert
 Duddie Andrews
 Bob DiPace
 Cynthia Saxby
 Deb Knapp
 Melody Bergman
 Joyce Hahn
 Elwood McClarky Sr.
 Cheryl Cole



SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- (1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- (4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

Women's Bible Study 9:00AM

Wisdom's
Daughters
Stories of
Women
around Jesus



Elizabeth
G. Watson

We will take a summer break in July and August and start back in September. Call the church office for time and location information. New to Bible study? We would love to have you join us!

Blessings, Judy Workman

Fridays

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM

Everyone is welcome to study God's Word with us. If you are interested in attending either of the Bible Studies please call or email the church for the location of that week's meeting. Bible studies are currently being held in private homes while the church building is closed.

Sunday Worship Services

10:00 AM

Meeting at the Majestic Theater until we are able to return to our church

In person or on zoom

To join us online please go to Zoom.com use this Meeting ID: 832 6656 0783 the Passcode is: 074610

August 2024 Worship Schedule

August 4th – **Charles Monaghan**

Psalm 78:23-29

Scripture: *Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15*
John 6: 24-35

Sermon: **"What Must We Do to Perform the Works of God"**

August 11th – **Carl Vitters**

August 18th – **Rev. John Hughes**

Psalm 111

Scripture: *1Kings 3:7-14*
John 6:51-58

Sermon: **"To Understand What is Right"**

August 25th – **Rev. John Hughes**

Psalm 84

Scripture: *Ephesians 6:10-20*
John 6:56-69

Sermon: **"To Whom Can We Go?"**



Prayer Requests

John 15:7 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Cathy Currier
Cynthia Saxby
Prudy Shackford
Alice Proctor
Colleen Albert
John & Elise Keeney Edgerton
Linda Frechette
Alice Spear
Curt Reynolds
Tom Steele

Carol Baribeau
Sandy Stowell & Lisa Horne
Mark & Caroline Weld
Debbie Kelly
Greg Turgeon
Russ Hunter & Family
Paula Burgess
Teressa Bernhardt
Bonnie Kimball
Mary Johnson

Pat (Gahagen) Goetzinger
Suzanne & Eddie
Corey & Family
Charlotte
Jean Hamilton & Family
Richie Haven
Ritchie Hansen
Misty
Nancy Vlass
Linda & Henry Belcher



August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	July 29	July 30	July 31	1	2 9am Men's Bible Study	3
BUILDING CLOSED TO ALL						
					<u>Office Closed</u>	
4 10 AM Worship Majestic Theatre Charles Monaghan Leading Service	5	6	7 4:30pm Diaconate	8	9 9am Men's Bible Study	10
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11 10 AM Worship Carl Vitters Leading Service	12	13	14 4:30pm Council Fellowship Hall	15	16 9am Men's Bible Study	17
					<u>Office Closed</u>	
18 10 AM Worship Majestic Theatre Guest Musician Katherine Rhoda	19	20  Articles Due Today!	21	22	23 9am Men's Bible Study	24
					<u>Office Closed</u>	
25 10 AM Worship Majestic Theatre	26	27 4:30pm Trustees Church	28	29	30 9am Men's Bible Study	31
					<u>Office Closed</u>	