



Conway Village Congregational Church
"The Brown Church"

The Good News

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We have news! The **Dinner Bell** plans to re-open with take out meals on **January 6th**. Hours will be 4-5pm and will be take out only. Thanks in advance to Barbara Hoyt and her crew! Barbara Hoyt and Charlyne Gray accept a generous donation from Jay Poulin of HEB Engineers.



The **Food Pantry** plans to re-open on **Tuesday, January 21st**. The Outreach Committee and Pantry Volunteers met recently to work out all that needs to be done now and what is needed to keep the pantry running smoothly after it re-opens.

Paul and Sylvia Weld have been running the pantry for over twenty years!!! They are stepping down as Coordinators at the end of 2024. The system they have put in place will help make the transition easier. We are fortunate to have well seasoned volunteers who are returning to help. We will need help with inventory control and purchasing. There is always room for more help, so if you or anyone you know would like to help in the pantry, please let Melody know.



You Are appreciated

Thank you Paul and Sylvia for all the years you have put your heart and soul into our Food Pantry! Together, they have acquired many donations of various kinds from Mt. Washington Valley companies & organizations, benefiting a multitude of community members. You have truly touched many lives during your mission at the pantry. Bless you both!



Paul & Sylvia accepting a donation from Norway Savings Bank (2023)





CHURCH TRUSTEES

HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ We have heat!

December 18th marked one year since the church flooded. A year ago, we had no idea what it would take to re-open! We have had great support from the community and many local contractors. A special thanks goes to Shawn and Kate at Bergeron Technical Services. They have worked with us since day one.

The next step is to work on the Sanctuary. A heating and AC system is being designed. Once installed, the carpet will be replaced and the floor refinished. At the same time, Bergeron Technical Services is looking at the cracks in the walls. There is structural work needed in the Sanctuary and really can't be ignored. We will have more information in the future.

If you get a chance to drive by the church at night, please do so. A couple of weeks ago, trees with lights were set up and it looks very festive. Trees were donated by Westons Farm and church members.

The Annual Meeting is on January 26th after the church service. Please plan to attend. It is open to everyone (only members can vote). Everyone's input is important. If anyone would like to serve on a board or committee, please let us know.

We will be presenting the proposed 2025 budget. Pledges help us put the budget together. Our Financial Secretary reports that 18 out of a planned 30 pledges have been received to date.



Stewardship
RECOGNIZING GOD'S GIFTS &
GIVING BACK IN GRATITUDE

With us back in the church and necessary repairs to the church getting done, we have a lot to look forward to at the Brown Church.

Anne Getchell



Trustee Board

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



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

TO: All Members and Friends of the Conway Village Congregational Church

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Conway Village Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at approximately 11:00 am at the of the Conway Village Congregational Church after worship. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom platform. Voting will be done via roll call method. Please email cvccwebteam@gmail.com or call the office for the phone in information.

The purpose of this Annual Meeting will be:

1. To hear reports of the officers, board and standing committees for the preceding year.
2. To approve a Budget for 2025.
3. To discuss the Council plan.
4. To elect officers, board and standing committee members for 2025.
5. To conduct any other business that may come to the floor of the meeting.

Dated at: Conway, New Hampshire, on the 26th of November 2024.

Anne Getchell, Trustee

What's In Your Cup?

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into me!!!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out.

It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?"

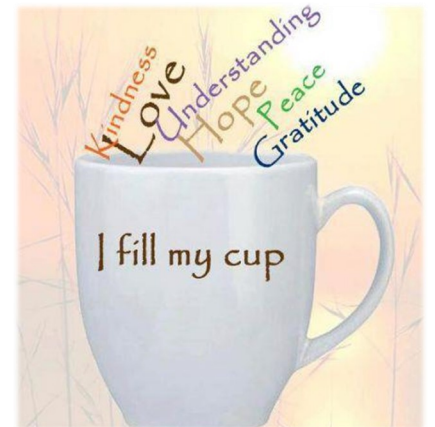
When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratitude, peace and humility?

Anger, bitterness, victim mentality and quitting tendencies?

Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

This year let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity; and kindness, gentleness and love for others.



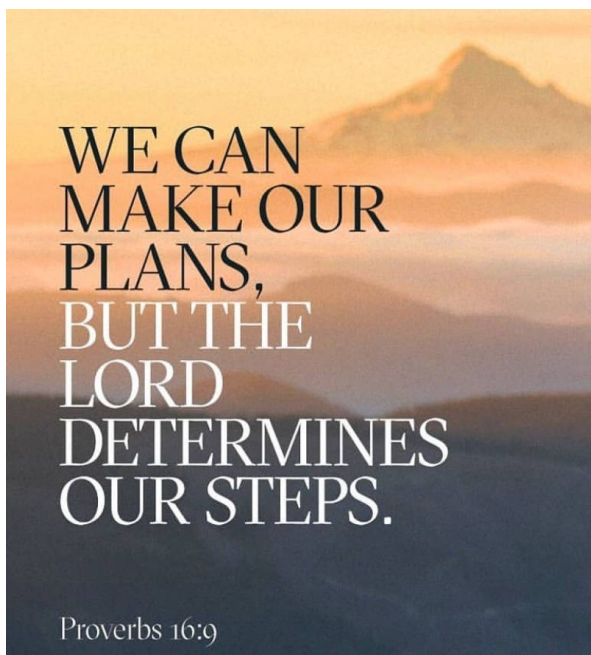
Blessing for a Happy New Year!
Wishing you a new year filled with
New Hope, New Joy & New Beginnings!

Church

DEACONS

Time flies, how many times do we say this...

Reflecting on 2024, I am amazed by everything our church has accomplished. So much work: organization, physical labor, logistics paperwork, planning, coordinating, fundraising, meetings, etc. What a blessing when The Majestic Theater offered to become our temporary worship space and the dedication of our tech team Steve and Nancy for continued zoom services. A mere thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to get us back home doesn't feel like enough.



Our plan was to first get the Food Pantry and Dinner Bell functioning to provide these crucial services to our community. These will be able to resume in January 2025.

This is a perfect example of Proverbs 16:9 "A man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."

Drawing much needed strength from one another, let us continue to push the boundaries of what we thought possible. This new year brings the opportunity to continue lifting each other up and sharing in the joy of being "Home" in the Brown Church.

Happy New Year!

Beth Campbell

Your Deacons,

Louise Saxby, Judy Workman, Beth Campbell,

Jill Reynolds and Charles Monaghan



Joan Mathurin
 Cathy Currier
 Cynthia Saxby
 Alice Proctor
 Colleen Albert
 Elise Keeney Edgerton
 Linda Frechette
 Alice Spear
 Nancy Keyes
 Family of Prudy Shackford
 Carol Baribeau
 Sandy Stowell & Lisa Horne

Prayer Requests

Charlotte
 Mark & Caroline Weld
 John Edgerton
 Eileen Redmond
 Debbie Kelly
 Jean Hamilton & Family
 Greg Turgeon
 Family of Mary Chesley
 Tom Steele
 Paula Burgess



Teressa Bernhardt
 Pat (Gahagen) Goetzinger
 Suzanne & Eddie
 Misty



Fresh Homestyle Meal




We will be open Monday, January 6, 2025 !!!













Everyone Is Welcome!!

Mondays, 4-5 pm

Take Out

Call office for confirmation of date. 603-447-3851




 Elwood McLlarky Jr.	 Bevery Taylor
 Laura Kenny	 Sylvia Weld
 Alice Vierus	 Jill Reynolds
 Bobby Graustein	 Bethanne Graustein
 Dwight Smith	 Rev. John Hughes
 Nancy Keyes	
 Sharrene Hendersen-Bernhardt	

Thursdays, 1:00 pm

BIBLE

Women's

STUDY




The Chosen study will continue on Thursday, January 2nd at 1 pm in the Church Conference Room.

Each Episode has a Bible Roundtable discussion led by a Protestant Bible professor, a Catholic priest and a Messianic Jewish Rabbi. This helps us understand Old Testament teachings, Jewish traditions and the life, the times and teachings of Christ thru the eyes of his disciples and followers. Come and follow with us each week as we grow our faith and our relationship with Christ.

We would love to have you join us!!
 Judy Workman
 Women's Bible Study Facilitator

Begins Friday, January 3rd, Church Conference Room.
 Bible Study reviews scripture to be used each Sunday.



Men's Bible Study

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH

Fridays 8 am

Everyone is welcome to study God's Word with us!

Join Us for WORSHIP

We are open for Worship
Services in Fellowship Hall!

Service 10:00 AM

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship
following worship service!

January 2024 Worship Schedule

January Worship Schedule 2025

Sunday, January 5th – Communion

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "**Warned in a Dream?**"

Sunday, January 12th – Christ's Baptism

Psalm 29

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:5-7, 21-22

Sermon: "**You are my Beloved One**"

Sunday, January 19th

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Sermon: "**Called to a New Role**"

Sunday, January 26th

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: "**What does 'Scripture is Fulfilled' mean?**"



January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 1pm Women's Bible Study Conference Room	3 8am Men's Bible Study Conference Room <u>Office Closed</u>	4
5 10 AM Worship	6 4-5pm Dinner Bell is Back!	7 10am Outreach Mtg 4:30pm Trustees	8 5:30pm Diaconate	9 1pm Women's Bible Study Conference Room	10 8am Men's Bible Study Conference Room <u>Office Closed</u>	11
12 10 AM Worship	13 4-5pm Dinner Bell Annual Reports Due	14 1pm Outreach Pantry Walk-Thru	15 Tentative Combined Trustees & Council	16 1pm Women's Bible Study Conference Room	17 8am Men's Bible Study Conference Room <u>Office Closed</u>	18
19 10 AM Worship	20 4-5pm Dinner Bell  Articles Due	21 8:30-11:30 am Food Pantry is Open!	22	23 1pm Women's Bible Study Conference Room	24 8am Men's Bible Study Conference Room <u>Office Closed</u>	25
26 10 AM Worship ANNUAL MEETING After worship service	27 4-5pm Dinner Bell	28 8:30-11:30 am Food Pantry is Open!	29	30 1pm Women's Bible Study Conference Room	31 8am Men's Bible Study Conference Room <u>Office Closed</u>	