

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WARREN

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OCTOBER 2025 THE CORNERSTONE



Pastors Point of View

As October unfolds, we find ourselves surrounded by the vibrant colors of autumn—crimson, gold, and amber painting the trees and reminding us of God's artistry in creation. This season of change invites us to pause and reflect on the beauty of transformation, both in nature and in our spiritual journey. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we are reminded, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Oct. 3 - Friday 10:00am

Caring/Sharing Meeting

Oct. 6 - Monday 10:00am

Ladies Circle Meeting

Oct. 8 - Wednesday 1:00pm

Mission Board Meeting

Oct. 9 - Thursday 6:30pm

Trustee Meeting

Oct. 12 - Sunday 11:30am

Deacon Meeting

Oct. 16 - Thursday 6:30pm

Church Council Meeting

Oct. 25 - Saturday 9:00am

Men's Group Meeting

*Meetings are where
decisions are made.
If you are on a board or
committee it's your
responsibility
to attend meetings.*



October is a perfect time to embrace the newness that God offers us each day. Just as the trees shed their leaves to prepare for renewal, we too are called to let go of what no longer serves us—be it old habits, fears, or doubts—and step forward into the fresh life Christ provides.

This month, as the days grow shorter and the evenings cooler, let us be encouraged to deepen our walk with God through prayer, worship, and service. Psalm 34:18 offers comfort: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Whatever challenges or uncertainties you may face, know that God's presence is near, offering healing and hope.

October also brings opportunities to celebrate community and gratitude. As we gather for fall festivals, harvest celebrations, and fellowship, may our hearts overflow with thankfulness for God's abundant blessings. Let us reach out with generosity and compassion, reflecting Christ's love to those around us.

May this season of change be a time of spiritual growth and renewed hope. Let us trust in God's faithful promises, confident that He is working all things together for good (Romans 8:28).

Blessings for a joyful and hope-filled October.

In Christ's love,
Rev. January Peavey



This Prayer List is designed to inspire you to keep these cherished individuals in your thoughts and prayers throughout the week. If there's someone you'd like to add to this list, please speak with them first and obtain their consent before proceeding. (We understand that this may not always be feasible). If your loved one has experienced the healing grace of God, kindly inform us so we can remove them from the prayer list.

Heavenly Father, in Your compassion, please bring healing and recovery to those listed. Touch them with Your healing hand and restore their strength. Ease their pain and mend what is broken. Surround them with Your peace and comfort. In Jesus' Name we pray for...

- Karen Carpenter Family

Connie Heath

Gloria Britto

Lee Houghton

Muriel Knutson

Peggy Libby

Stuart Mank

Linda & Walter Kaler

Linda Winstead

Justin by Marcia C.

Nola Studley

Esther Baldwin
- Romeo Jackson by Melody S.

Brent Lawson by Melody S.

Ann & Peter Gribbin by Melody S.

Rodney and Myra Brooks

Lorraine Strout by Linda K.

Sheila A. by Tina B.

Nathan Lanphier by Clint L.

Julie Kinney by Janice O.

Becky Tipp by Carole S.

Dick Hooey by Brenda K.

Moe Montgomery by Linda L.

October Birthdays

- 15 Dave Landry
- 22 Walter Pendleton
- 26 Janette Small
- 26 Michelle Ryan

If your special day is not listed please contact the office.

October Anniversary

- 15 Zack & Monique Hobden

FILL THE BARREL



Suggested Donations:

- Canned veggies
- Cereal
- Crackers

Please check expiration dates.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY FOOD PANTRY



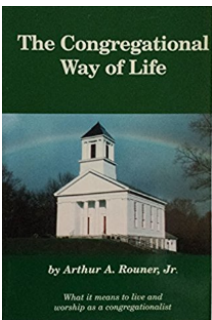
Sunday - October 12, 2025 - 2:00PM

The Caring and Sharing Sisters are hosting an afternoon of music with Rose & Lise.

Join us for a little bit of gospel, a little bit of country and a whole lot of fun.

Light refreshments after the concert in the upper room.

Donations to the musicians are welcome.



The Congregational Way of Life publication is available through the office or contact Pat Weaver. A must read. Only 10 copies available. Get yours early.



THURSDAY OCTOBER 16, 2025 - 6:30PM
Church Council Meeting.

Remember: If you are a member of a board or committee you are expected to attend Council meetings.

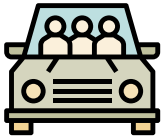
You're invited



CCCME Fall Meeting

You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the Congregational Christian Council of Maine Fall Meeting.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025
REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR



Carpooling available.
Contact the office.

Brownville Community Church
84 Church Street, Brownville, ME 04414
Rev. Jack Williams (207) 951-4000

Meeting Itinerary: Saturday morning (8:00AM) after breakfast and check in

- Hymnal presentation by Rev. Dr. Peter Stickney.
- Presentation of Technology in the church by Paul Everett.
- Lunch
- A presentation of the information of the CCCMe by Walter Macdougall.
- Business meeting highlighting a proposal for a By-law change.
- Worship service and closing.

**WOOLY BEAR CATERPILLAR
WINTER PREDICTIONS**

According to folklore, the amount of black on the woolly bear in autumn varies proportionately with the severity of the coming winter in the locality where the caterpillar is found. The longer the woolly bear's black bands, the longer, colder, snowier, and more severe the winter will be. Similarly, the wider the middle brown band is associated with a milder upcoming winter.

The position of the longest dark bands supposedly indicates which part of winter will be coldest or hardest. If the head end of the caterpillar is dark, the beginning of winter will be severe. If the tail end is dark, the end of winter will be cold. In addition, the woolly bear caterpillar has 13 segments to its body, which traditional forecasters say correspond to the 13 weeks of winter. *Source: Google*



HOLLY BERRY FAIR

It's that time of year again!

Holly Berry Fair time! November 22, 2025

Grandma's Attic is in need of gently used, CLEAN items for the table. Kitchen bakeware, toys, puzzles, décor, pet toys, Christmas items, etc.

No clothes, curtains, pillows, blankets, make-up, or spices.

Please bring items before November 16th to Aleta or Melody, or place items in Grandma's donation room, located in the Sunday School wing. Thank you very much,
Melody and Aleta - Ladies Social Circle



Donations - Flag Room downstairs

Please, no early shopping. If you see something you want, contact Aleta or Melody. We will put your name on it and save it for you.

We have  on the room!

Ladies Circle News...

The Ladies Circle has purchased 4 new round tables for the upstairs fellowship rooms. These tables are smaller (46") than round table currently used downstairs (60"). At our October meeting we will set them up and "try them out". This will involve taking down a couple of the long tables. If they do not work well for Sunday morning fellowship hour, please let us know and we will store them for use when needed – receptions and luncheons.

Never too early to plan

The NACCC Annual Meeting 2026 needs your help!

...from Julie Robie, Mission and Outreach Coordinator

The Intergenerational Mission Project at the Annual Meeting in Springfield, MA, June 2026, will be partnering with the NACCC mission partner Seafarer's Friend located in Boston. Due to their close proximity to the Annual Meeting location, it seemed a win-win to work with them.

We will be filling "Ditty bags" given out to mariners on ships that come into port.

Here's where your help comes in. We need people to knit/crochet hats and scarves to put into the bags. BUT we also need to have bags sewn as well.

Instructions for the knitting and sewing are found on Seafarer's Friend website www.seafarersfriend.org or email js2026ma@gmail.com for instructions.

We wanted to get the information out so people could start knitting, crocheting and sewing. There will be ways to get your whole church involved as well, so keep your eyes open!



WANTED

**knitters
crocheters
sewers**

thank you & best wishes

On Sunday September 28th we bid farewell to our dear friends, Jim and Beverly Pacheco. After five wonderful years with us, they have chosen to embark on a new chapter as they enter retirement. We wish them all the best on this exciting journey ahead! As is tradition, we gathered in fellowship and, of course, enjoyed cake—because cake always makes everything better! Following the service, Rev. January read her heartfelt and touching letter ([Click here to read](#)) to the congregation announcing their retirement, a letter filled with gratitude and love, reflecting the sentiments of the entire congregation.



a few words from Bev...

Dearest Church Family,

I am sending my deepest thanks and gratitude for your support and love shown to me while I have been your music director.

Thank you to the many people that have supported and encouraged me in the past 5 years. I would especially like to thank Pat Weaver and Carolyn Robinson for their patience and support. I am so Thankful for Sterling Robinson, our Sound Man and Water Man Extraordinaire! As well as All the other silent Magic Humidifier fillers. Your quiet effort has not gone unnoticed.

I am thankful for Irene Maxcy and for Jeff Crieghton and your listening ears. I also want to thank Gayle White and friends for helping with the Windows in the choir room. I want to thank the Choir and the Bell Ringers that listened and were encouraged to work and sing with Joy and for a better sound. Hope for polishing the bells.

Thank you to all the Lunch Bunch and Irene, Jeff, and Sandy, Marcia, and Sharon, Sandra, Valerie, and Cindy. Choir members and Bell Players for spending time in worship and prayer with me. I especially am thankful to January for her singing and support in these past two weeks. If there is someone I missed, please know that I am thankful for you and care for you.

Jim and I are looking forward to how our retirement will unfold together. This is not goodbye but a rearranging and stepping back. Until we meet again, Blessings to you all.

Yours Musically,
Beverly and Jim Pacheco





Bottle Redemption benefits the CHILDREN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Returnable bin is in the downstairs Fellowship room. We thank you kindly for your donations.

Please empty your bags directly into the bin.

Also please empty the bottles before putting them into bags and be sure the bags you bring in do not have holes. Leaky bags are no fun!

To Volunteer at the Children's Clothing Exchange, contact CCE Director - Susan Lombardo 207-701-7622

FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



- Current office hours are:
 - Wednesday and Thursday
 - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Newsletters are sent out via mail and email once a month, typically on or around the first of the month.
- Submissions for the newsletter must be received ON or BEFORE the 28th of each month.
- If you would like a printed newsletter mailed to you, please reach out to the office. Printed copies are available upon request.
- Council meetings: If you are a member of any board, you automatically become part of the church council, and your attendance at the bi-monthly church council meetings is expected and highly encouraged.

Don't forget....

to conserve energy, if you turn the heat UP in any rooms be sure to turn it back DOWN to 58deg.

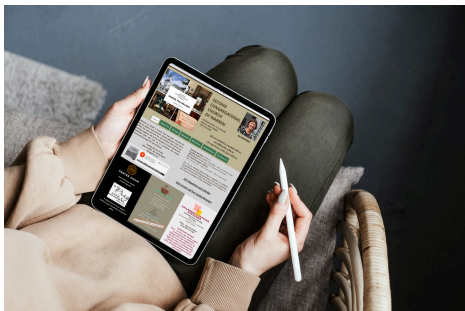


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Thank you for your continued support.



DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	MISSIONS
09/07/25	52	\$2745.00	\$ 464.00
09/14/25	45	895.00	n/a
09/21/25	57	895.00	45.00
09/28/25	53	1093.00	62.00



For the most current information, please visit our website, where you will find all the details you need. Explore our pages to learn about our history, listen to a Sunday service, and discover our various boards and committees. We invite you to visit us at www.SECONDCONGREGATIONAL.org.

SCCW CONTACT INFO:

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TREASURER: Patricia Weaver - treasurer.sccw@tds.net

TRUSTEE CHAIR: Jeff Creighton - jeffcreighton@gmail.com

DIACONATE CHAIR: Weston Ames - westonames508@gmail.com

Reminder...

For safety reasons, on Sunday morning all church doors, upstairs and downstairs are locked at 10:15am. if you arrive after that time, you will not be able to get in.

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OCTOBER

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 9-11am CCE	3 10:00am Mtg. Caring/Sharing	4
5 10:00am Service Music/Barbara Bibro Rev. Neil Gastonguay	6 10am Ladies Circle	7 9-11am Table Talk	8 1:00pm Missions	9 9-11am CCE 6:30pm Trustee Mtg	10	11
12 10:00am Service Music/Paul Smeltzer 11:30am Deacon's Mtg 2:PM Rose & Lise	13 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day	14 9-11am Table Talk	15	16 9-11am CCE 6:30pm meeting Church Council	17	18 CCCME State meeting Brownville, ME
19 10:00am Service	20	21 9-11am Table Talk	22	23 9-11am CCE	24	25 9:am Men's group meeting
26 10:00am Service Church rental Davis's Life Celebration 2PM	27	28 9-11am Table Talk	29	30 9-11am CCE	31 Halloween	1 NOVEMBER
LITURGIST	DEACONS	TRUSTEES	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY		
10/05 Louise Cornforth	10/05 Steve / Betty	09/07 Marcia Cifaldo	10/05 The Hobden's	10/05 Men's Group		
10/12 Melody Sainio	10/12 Carolyn / Kathleen	09/12 Sterling Robinson	10/12 Susie & Janice Overlock	10/12 Ladies Circle		
10/19 Cindy Bland	10/19 Carolyn / Michelle	09/21 Jeff Creighton	10/19 The Lanphier's	10/19 Congregation		
10/26 Jonathan Dodge	10/26 Steve / Betty	09/28 Irene Maxcy	10/26 The Vanner's	10/26 Caring & Sharing		

NOTE: Above duties subject to change. Church Office hours: Wed. & Thurs. 8-12
TUES. EVE. AA Group Meet Minister Office hours: Wed. 8am-6pm
THUR. EVE. Scouts Meet Thurs. 12:30-6pm / Sundays till 2PM

Video Gentle Chair Yoga – Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30-9:00am