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*A Note from Pastor Bette....*

*Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird, I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns." George Eliot*



I am in agreement with Ms. Eliot on this.

September is my favorite month of the year – not too hot, not too cold, glorious sun, topaz skies and cool nights. For some, January is the beginning of the year, and for some, spring signifies new life; but for me, September is back to school, back from vacation, back into schedules/routines and a sense of a fresh order of things.

The smell of crayons, sharpened pencils and that minty smell of the paste we had in grade school always brings me right back to the first day of school. September is the beginning of the calendar in my mind. Creativity flows better after the daydreaming and cloud gazing of summer days. There seems to be a crispness, an urgency in the air. We have the autumnal equinox on the 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. This is when the sun is right above the equator and the length of the day is equal to the length of the night.

It's a good reminder to bring balance into our lives. Having equal amounts of work and leisure, time with others and time for self. Worship is something we can do with other people (as we do on Sunday mornings) or alone with God anytime and anywhere. This fall we will have a workshop all about spiritual disciplines, what they are, and how to choose one that resonates with our own soul, one we can practice daily. We will also begin an evening Taizé service (see more details inside) for those who want to go a bit deeper. Each season is beautiful in its way and its wonder. *"Thus says the LORD: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls."* Jeremiah 6:16

*Pastor Bette*

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What are spiritual disciplines/practices? We may already be practicing them without knowing it.

Prayer, singing, chanting, drumming, meditation are all examples of spiritual practice. Come and learn about the various ways to deepen our spiritual walk and worship God more fully.

We will meet on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon.

Come as you are and learn in a relaxed, informal and fun setting as we explore the myriad ways in which we can worship



God, be enlightened, be filled with Spirit, and have a practice that we enjoy, that is easy to do, and that we WANT to do. It's good for the soul and for the body and mind as well.

We will meet in the upper room. Bring a friend!



We've been discussing the construction of a labyrinth out front in our green space. It would make a great addition to the church and also a gift for the community. Anyone can walk it, it's free, and an ancient spiritual tool for prayer and meditation. For those who are unfamiliar with the labyrinth (and the difference between a maze and a labyrinth), I'd like to invite anyone who is interested to come to MY house and walk MY labyrinth.

On Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> I will open it up from 10am to 2pm. for anyone who would like to come and see it,

learn about it, and walk the path for themselves. While I walk it frequently, and do so bare-foot, (it helps me become grounded), I would advise anyone wishing to walk it to wear good sturdy shoes as it is a RUSTIC path, rough and uneven in spots as it is natural stone and earth.



*Pastor Bette*

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**TAIZE WORSHIP** - What is Taizé? The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz, a Reformed Protestant. A Taizé service uses the order of service and the music of the Taizé community. It is a simple worship of mostly chanting and singing, with prayer and silence. We are planning Taizé worship the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. It is a calming and centering type of worship. Come and see! PB

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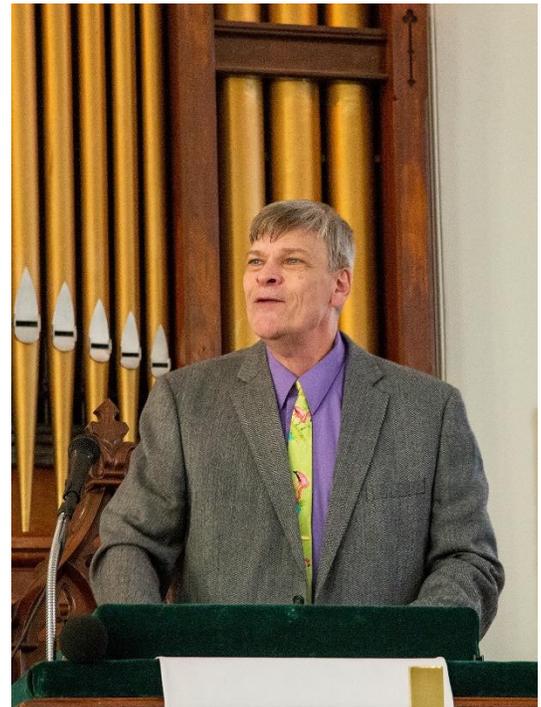
**Rev. Bette's installation service** was on August 1, 2021. She is now officially our settled Minister. We pray she is with us, teaching us, and helping us to serve the Lord as she so gracefully does, for a very long time. Our warmest welcome and wishes to Rev. Bette and James Bond.  
*(Photo's courtesy of Hope Creighton)*



*Rev. Seth Jones - Call to Worship*



*Rev. Linwood Welch - Gospel Lesson*



*Pastor Tom Frey - Seminary Friend of Bette's*

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*Rev. Irv Gammon - Charge to the Congregation*



*Rev. Marti Garrison - Charge to the Minister*



*The Choir - Singing "Soon and Very Soon"*

August 1, 2021 was a **perfect day!** The weather was gorgeous, the people were warm and friendly, the speakers were excellent, the music was sublime, the Spirit was alive and ALL were blessed. The installation service at SCCW of yours truly was one of the high spots for many of us. The work that went into this event was amazing - from the cleaning of the church, the fresh flowers everywhere, the work of committees from search committee who started it all, and all other committees of this church who donated time, money and heart to make this day so special and memorable. There are amazing pictures on our website of the day's events. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for being there, for your support and good wishes this past year, for the gifts and cards. I could not have asked for a better day.

*I am blessed.* PB ☩

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Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds, Amanda and George Field. Married August 14, 2021.

May the good Lord guide them throughout their married life and shower them both with many blessings.

*(Photo courtesy Hope Creighton)*

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Welcome to the world Parker Marie DiPompo

Born August 15<sup>th</sup> and weighing 9 pounds 2 ounces and measuring 22 inches. Wow, she's a cutie!!! We congratulate the proud parents, Bridget and Ryan.

God bless this family and may it grow to prosper and be nourished in God's love and Grace.

*(Photo courtesy Mom n Dad)*



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Thank you, Susan, for 6 years of dedicated service as our Administrative Assistant. There is a famous quote that goes like this, "90% of life is showing up." You have certainly done that week after week and we appreciate it. And in 2020 when the church was closed for a time you came in and did your work to keep our church viable and connected.

You are often the first person someone from outside the church speaks with either on the phone or in the office. There is great value in having someone caring and who respects confidentiality in that office. You have been that person and we thank you for your goodness and sincerity.

Perhaps the most important trait someone can bring to the office is integrity and you possess that above and beyond all else. You do your best to do what is expected of you and again we thank you for your devotion to the job at hand.

We wish you all the best in your new job and thank you for all you have given to Second Congregational Church. With appreciation, The Trustees

August 29, 2021  
Susan Lombardo was recognized for her 6 years of dedicated service to SCCW. Good luck to Susan.  
(Photos: Hope Creighton)



A special Thank you to Patty Overlock for continuing to beautify our Sanctuary each week with lovely flowers from her garden.

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Clinton & Kathy Lamphier will be Baptized on Sunday October 3, 2021. If you are interested in being Baptized on this day or in the future, please see Rev. Bette.

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Coffee hour is still ongoing. If you would like to listen to some very interesting stories of days past, join us, every Tuesday morning from 9 to 11 am. Beginning Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and every first Tuesday of the month we will meet at the St. George River Café. You are guaranteed wake up conversation.



Welcome  
to our  
**New Members**

Valerie Miller  
Cathy Lawrence

January Peavey  
David Landry

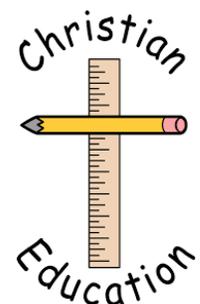
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Church membership is offered to everyone. To become a member of a church is to formally commit oneself to an identifiable, local body of believers. Are you ready to commit?

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Good News...

**Beginning Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** and the last Sunday of each month, we are inviting Sunday School aged students to attend Church with their parents. After the Children's message, students will be excused from Church service and will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Together, we will learn a Bible story and have craft time. Also, plans are being made for Pastor Bette to meet monthly with Junior and High School students. May the SCCW be blessed and have a Church full of Students!!



... Joyfully, Becky Ruggieri and the Board of Christian Education

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## Music at Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregation

Let the colorful sounds of music at 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational continue into our sweet Maine Fall. You are invited to find your place in our ministry of music.

Tuesdays beginning Sept 14, 2021 6:30 -7:30 weekly for 8 weeks to prepare our music and refresh our skills.

Sunday 9:15 before Service to refresh the Anthem and hymns for the day. 11:15 to 12:00 for the following weeks' anthems.

Wednesday September 22, 2021 10:00-10:45 Voices and Music will run for 8 weeks. This will be for beginners and people led to come back to being part of music. We will sing music that you are familiar with as well as a few new tunes while learning how to create harmony and follow a line of music. (Hopefully, we will have a community outreach as part of our musical work and joyfully share our songs. Come, even if you feel like you 'can't sing' or 'read' and are curious about trying. I can do a private consultation if you are curious and not sure.

Wednesday October 6, 2021 11:00-12:00 Bells and Music will run for 8 weeks. This will be a refresher and beginner together as we work together to rebuild your Bell Choir. More to come on this event.

Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 or 7:30 to 8:00 will be times available for those to rehearse Special Music for Sunday Service.

Yours musically, Beverly Pacheco

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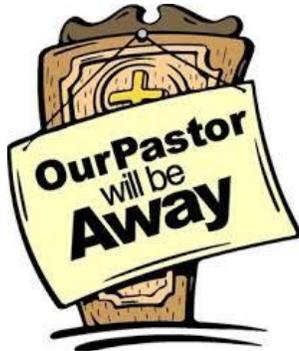
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Rev. Bette will be away September 12 and September 19<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Oscar Wallace will be our supply minister for those two Sundays.



<u>DATE</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
8/01	\$ 2857.00	65
8/08	947.10	42
8/15	815.00	46
8/22	929.14	40
8/29	1469.16	56



9/9 Marilyn and David Chase



9/4 Karen Carpenter  
9/5 Valerie Miller  
9/10 Tammy Hagin  
9/14 Janice Overlock  
9/18 Evelyn Anderson  
9/20 Jeff Creighton  
9/29 Richard Maxcy

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## RAFFLE TICKETS!!

Ivy Chapter #16 of the Warren OES is doing a fundraiser for the Warren Fire Department. We have 10 prizes to be raffled off (so far) on Sept 15. The proceeds will help the Department buy the flashlights that they need. So far, we have raised \$750 and our goal is \$1,250 which will buy ten flashlights not including tax. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket or make a donation to the raffle, please contact Linda Lent at 236-4585. Thank you for supporting your local fire department. Linda Lent

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Rev. Walden Chandler  
Erick Overlock by Patty  
Larry Scott by Melody  
Jennifer Hixson by Irene  
Beverly's sister Judy  
January's friend Jareth  
Tina's grandson James  
Carolyn's sister-in-law Carolyn  
Roger Peabody  
Marcia Cifaldo's friend Candy  
Henry and Lucy Carey  
Jane Waltz  
Nola Metcalf by Melody  
Vicky & Bob Barrett's son Heath

Emily Beattie  
Patty Hyland by Susan L.  
Melinda by Valerie  
Lois Engleking  
Beverly's cousin Cindy  
Connie Heath  
Carol Verdini by Margaret  
Carolyn's son-in-law Christian  
Loraine Strout by Linda K.  
Brenda King's sister Barbara  
Mary Lou Philbrick  
Debbie Collemer's dad Colby  
Charlie York  
Eleanor Carter

Bill Cutting  
David Chase  
Owen by January  
Susan Flaherty by Gayle  
Lent's cousin Sean  
Tim Ordon  
Russ & Sandy Lufkin  
Devan Robinson by Sterling  
Brian Hilt by Patty Ott  
Walter P's sister Vicky  
Pat & Doug Libby family  
Conner Greeman by Patty Ott  
Dana, Billy, Wayne by Robin  
Pearl Stetson

Prayer is a powerful tool especially when two or more come together.

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**PLEASE BE AWARE!** If you are ill at home or have to go into the hospital, and would like a pastoral visit, prayer from deacons and congregation, or to receive cards or help, you **MUST NOTIFY THE PASTOR OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Back in the days before patient confidentiality and HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), we could find out who was in the hospital by calling or by asking to see the patient census. This is **NO LONGER** the case and has not been for many years. Gone are the days when a pastor could "make the rounds" at the hospital and visit all of his/her parishioners. We have **NO WAY OF KNOWING** you are there unless **YOU PERSONALLY** tell us, or have a family member notify us.

We want to keep in touch with you, pray for you, visit you, and lift you up for healing but we have to let each other know our needs. Call office at 273.2338 or email pastor at [revbette@tds.net](mailto:revbette@tds.net)

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## CHILDRENS' CLOTHING EXCHANGE

In August several volunteers helped change over the summer clothing to winter clothing. The 'store' is thriving with more customers each week.

Volunteers are always needed to staff this ministry, so if you have a calling to help, please call Debbie Collemer at 975-1833. Help us to keep this most important mission going.

Open each Thursday from 9 to 11 am and the first Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 am. Located in the Brick School Community Center.



"We've got your kids covered".

*Debbie, Susan, Patty and Susie*



**The Caring & Sharing Sisters** will be hosting a **BinGO Luncheon on Sunday SEPT. 26h** after church service.

A light lunch will be served followed by 10 games of BINGO, free of charge, just games and fun!

Prizes will be awarded to all Bingo Winners.

**Please sign the RSVP sheet on the bulletin board** or see one of the sisters or call Carolyn 207.390.5614

*Come for the Fellowship!*

Thanks to everyone who brought in bottles for the month of August. Starting Sept 1st we will have a new project, at some point the front doors of the church need to be replaced so from Sept to Dec 31 the money from the box will go towards the doors. If you need your bottles picked up don't hesitate to call us at 236-4585. *The Lent's*



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Thanks to all who brought food in for the food barrel. This month's list is a little different. We have A list, which is a list of food items requested by the food pantry, and B list, which is for people on a budget (from a Hannaford food flyer).

## List A

Sept 5 Spaghetti sauce  
Sept 12 Chicken noodle soup  
Sept 19 Baked Beans  
Sept 26 Pancake syrup

The items on list B are all on sale.

## List B

Assorted varieties of Cheerio's 2 for \$5  
Chef Boyardee canned pasta  
Snack Pack Pudding  
Goldfish crackers 3 for \$5



Meetings are important opportunities to exchange ideas and objectives. Please consider joining one!

Diaconate	6:30 p.m. first Wednesday every month
Mission	12:00 noon first Wednesday every month
Trustees	6:30 p.m. second Thursday every month
Council	6:30 p.m. third Thursday every other month

Ladies Circle	10:00 a.m. first Monday every month
Caring & Sharing Sisters	6:30 p.m. first Monday every month

Coffee hour	9-11 a.m. every Tuesday
Children's Clothing Exc.	9-11 a.m. every Thursday and 9-11 a.m. first Saturday every month

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## this MONTH in history

### The World Trade Center April 4, 1973 - September 11, 2001



On the morning of September 11, 2001, Al-Qaeda-affiliated hijackers flew two Boeing 767 jets into the Twin Towers within minutes of each other; less than two hours later, both towers collapsed. The attacks killed 2,606 people in and within the vicinity of the towers, as well as all 157 on board the two aircraft. Falling debris from the towers, combined with fires that the debris initiated in several surrounding buildings, led to the partial or complete collapse of all the buildings in the complex, and caused catastrophic damage to ten other large structures in the surrounding area.

*(Source: Wikipedia)*

This was a very sad day for Americans.  
Life as we knew it would change forever.

We may never understand why this happened but hearts remain broken.  
God bless all the souls lost that day, and grant peace and comfort to their loved ones.

“Never forget”

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Second Congregational Church of Warren, Maine seeks to hire an Administrative Assistant to perform routine administrative and clerical duties. The position is part time and will require about 8 to 10 hours per week. The hourly rate will be about \$13.00, depending on qualifications and experience. Background check required.

### Duties include

- Communicating with church personnel, church members, and the public by oral, written, and electronic means
- Promoting the church through various media
- Directing and screening phone calls
- Organizing printed and electronic documents
- Preparing church bulletins, newsletters, and annual reports
- Preparing correspondence and reports
- Scheduling and coordinating business use and maintaining event calendar
- Coordinating duties with the church minister
- Other duties as assigned by the church trustees

### The successful applicant

- Demonstrates superior oral and written communication skills
- Can complete duties with minimal supervision and direction
- Demonstrates superior organizational skills
- Can prioritize duties
- Has experience with word processing, e-mail, internet, printing documents, scanning documents
- Demonstrates exceptional attention to detail
- Understands the importance of confidentiality
- Has a good attitude

To apply, mail a resume and cover letter to Second Congregational Church of Warren, P.O. Box 206, Warren, ME 04864 or e-mail a resume and cover letter to [treasurer.sccw@tds.net](mailto:treasurer.sccw@tds.net).

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## From the office....

- Thanks everyone for getting the Council reports to the office in a timely manner. It takes time to put reports together so it is appreciated to have them sitting in the 'in box' on the day the reports are being prepared. Council meetings are every other month and reports are due the Tuesday before the meetings. You are all encouraged to attend. The next Council meeting is Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Current office hours are Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Newsletters are paper mailed and emailed once a month on or near the first of the month. Information to be put in the newsletter is due on the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month.



Have you visited our website recently? Everything you could possibly want to know is within its pages. We encourage you to visit often. If you have information you would like to add please don't hesitate to contact the office.

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