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PASTOR'S PAGE



A touch of Frost: O hushed October morning mild, thy leaves have ripened to the fall; Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild, should waste them all... How can it be October already? When I look outside and survey my yellow and orange maple trees, I know it's true. What a lovely time of year it is. We have 31 delicious days to enjoy in this month.

The church is getting very busy as we have had baptisms, new members joining, a Congregational gathering where we were finally able to get together with friends and fellowship with our sister churches.

On Saturday, Oct 9th, we will have a short workshop to talk about spiritual disciplines/practices that can help us with some of our stress, anxiety and overall gloom that has been swirling around us for the past 18 months or so. Find a practice that suits your preference, needs and schedule. Any spiritual practice we do on a daily basis can give us the Spirit/energy we need to move through our days. It can calm us and center us for all we face.

Also, we rescheduled the labyrinth "come and see" walk to Saturday, October 16th from 10 to 2 at pastor's home in Jefferson. There's always time for lunch at the Jefferson Market or Moody's on the way home! We will also be starting our Taizé worship on the last Wednesday of the month, starting October 27th. This will be a small, informal gathering to worship using repeated song/chants interspersed with silence and prayer. It is very centering, quiet and peaceful. Might be a nice midweek "pick me up" and give strength to finish out the week. Join us!

"How can we honor our GOD with our lives, the God who gives rain in both spring and autumn and maintains the rhythm of the seasons, who sets aside time each year for harvest and keeps everything running smoothly for us?"

Enjoy the season, each day, each moment. Like the leaves, the days are flying by. Rest in God and dwell in the blessing of the present moment.

Pastor Betta

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Rev. Walden Chandler
Eric 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 nephew Dominic
Roger Peabody
Jane Waltz
Henry and Lucy Carey
Vicki & Bob Barrett's son Heath
Nola Metcalf by Melody

Pearl Stetson
Lauri Stetson
Melinda by Valerie
Lois Engelking
Jackie Gushee by Tina
Connie Heath
Carol Verdini by Margaret
Diane's brother Gilbert Dare
Loraine Strout by Linda K.
Brenda King's sister Barbara
Mary Lou Philbrick
Debbie Collemer's dad Colby
Charlie York

Bill Cutting
David Chase
Billy and Wayne by Robin
Susan Flaherty by Gayle
Kathy Borzelli & Roy Lee
Patty Hyland by Susan L.
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
Allen Mercier by Julie Lent

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.sccw@tds.net

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On Sunday October 3, 2021 we welcomed into the household of Christian Faith, Clinton and Kathy Lanphier.

Baptized and made members of the church, they are starting on an incredible spiritual journey, one that will bring them much joy and peace. Best wishes to Clinton and Kathy on this new road to a life full of faith and love.



Welcome Clinton & Kathy Lanphier

Thanks to Patty Overlock for the beautiful fall pumpkin arrangements.

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STATE MEETING of the Congregational Christian Church Council of MAINE.....

On Saturday, Oct. 2nd six members of our congregation, Rev. Bette, Pat Weaver, Marcia Cifaldo, Sharon Landry, Robin Quinn and Gayle White attended the state gathering of the CCCME at Skowhegan Federated Church.

We arrived to find muffins, fruit and quiche along with juice and coffee to greet us. A time of meet and greet followed as attendees arrived.

This was not a business meeting. One of the directors of Camp Winniaugwamauk (Winnie) spoke about the camp not being held for two years and the difficulties of reopening it this year. They are in need of financial assistance and volunteers. They need councilors, kitchen help, recreation help and especially a camp nurse. There is information about Camp Winnie at the CCCME website, CCCME.org.

Rev. Mark Tanner lead a round table discussion about church life during the pandemic. Several churches had “drive in church” in their parking lots. They were fortunate to have access to local radio stations. Some churches reached their members through Facebook and one published a weekly newsletter. The central theme seemed to be kindness and caring for each during this time of isolation.

Rev. Don Mayberry and his wife Judy lead the worship service. They are a very talented singer, song writer duo. Their music was beautiful. The inspiring communion service was led by Rev. Mark Tanner.

After a delicious lunch, we drove back to Warren. Five of us carpoled to the meeting, I can attest, getting there is half the fun!

-Gayle White

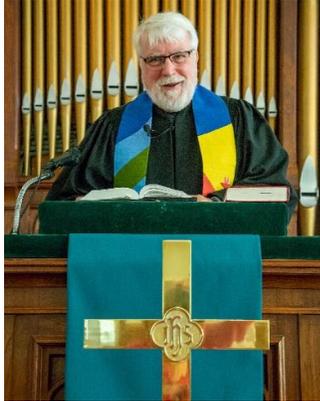
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A very big thank you to Rev. Oscar Wallace for being our supply minister for the two weeks Rev. Bette was away. We are grateful for his uplifting messages. It is always a pleasure to have him at our pulpit. Thank you, Rev. Wallace.

They are beautiful, they are comfortable, they are inviting, and they fit perfectly!

Thank you to the donor of our beautiful new pew cushions! They coordinate nicely with our newly painted sanctuary and stained-glass windows. We are so fortunate to have members and friends who care enough about our church to go above and beyond the call of duty. With appreciation from the Trustees and the entire congregation.

WE HAVE NEW CUSHIONS!



Habitat for Humanity build Saturday October 9th 8:30-12:30

Please join us at Philbrick Commons in Rockland to work on one of the 12 houses which will eventually make up this Habitat community. Two homes are currently occupied, with another one ready and waiting.

These homes do not become reality without volunteers willing to give up a little time and talent. However, no experience is necessary! At the end of the day, I guarantee you will leave with a feeling of gratitude and caring. We get what we give!

Please let me know if you plan on attending this build, Irene

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Spiritual Practice... Saturday Oct. 9, 2021 – 9:00 to Noon

Come and learn about a practice/ritual that can give peace and calm to your day. From Drumming to centering prayer – learn about the various ways to deepen our spiritual walk and worship God more fully. Find a practice that fits your schedule and needs. Call office for more info. 273-2338

Labyrinth Walk at Rev. Bette's RESCHEDULED to Saturday Oct. 16, 2021 10am- 2pm

For anyone who would like to come and see it, learn about it, and walk the path for themselves You are advised to wear good sturdy shoes as it is a RUSTIC path, rough and uneven in spots as it is natural stone and earth. Everyone welcome.



EXPERIENCE TAIZE WORSHIP ...

The last Wednesday of the month, **starting October 27th**. This will be a small, informal gathering to worship using repeated song/chants interspersed with silence and prayer. It is very centering, quiet and peaceful. Might be a nice midweek “pick me up” and give strength to finish out the week. FMI Rev. Bette or 273-2338



COFFEE HOUR/CHAT 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. You are guaranteed wake up conversation. ALL are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS...The trustees are pleased to announce that Carolyn Robinson has been officially hired as Administrative-assistant. Of the applicants we interviewed Carolyn had the skills necessary to do the job. Please congratulate her when you stop by the office. She will be there on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8am to noontime.

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Oct. 10 – Neil & Pearl Stetson
Oct. 18 – Albert & Janice Overlock
Oct. 23 – Walter & Linda Kaler



Oct. 15 – Dave Landry
Oct. 18 – Nola Metcalf
Oct. 22 – Walter Pendleton
Oct. 26 – Janette Small

From James the Wild Rover in the Library...

Hello all, things have been a little crazy these past couple of months so forgive me for not putting an update in the last newsletter. The library now has a discard box in the fellowship room, the books in which are free for the taking so feel free to search the box for any kind of book that looks interesting. Fall is here and now priorities change so as to prepare for winter. Which means people will want to cozy up in a chair with a cup of mulled cider and a good book after a day's work. May you have warm words on a cold evening.



Thanks to everyone who brought in bottles for the month of September. The money from the box is currently going towards the church maintenance fund. If you have bottles that need to be picked up, please call the Lent's at 236-4585.

FOOD PANTRY FOR OCTOBER...



Oct. 3	Cream and Regular Canned corn
Oct 10	Chicken noodle soup
Oct 17	Baked beans
Oct 24	Cream of Chicken
Oct 31	Spaghetti Sauce

These are suggestions and current needs at Bread for the Journey food pantry. You can donate anything you are able to. All donations are sincerely appreciated.

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WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

After nearly one and a half years, on Sunday September 26th, we welcomed back Sunday School Students! With excitement throughout the Church, Reverend Bette asked the Children to join her in the front pews for her learning moment. After her delightful message, the Children were excused to the Upper Room where we painted pumpkins and wooden boxes. We were extremely blessed to have SEVEN students participating!

For now, we are going to be meeting once a month. The next gathering is being planned for October 31st.

Please continue to keep our youth in your prayers.
Joyfully in Christ,
The Board of Christian Education



FULL SIZED CANDY BARS NEEDED!

In 2020, The Second Congregational Church passed out over 80 *full sized candy bars* to the Trick or Treaters in the Warren Village. Word spread fast around town, that we had ***Full sized bars!!***

If you can purchase a few bars for this “sweet” community outreach, we will have a box labeled “candy bars” in the first Sunday School Room~ Each Candy bar will have a SCCWM sticker too! Sweet Blessings ahead and many thanks!



The Ruggieri Family

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CARING & SHARING SISTERS first ever Luncheon and Bingo on September 26th was a complete success. There were 46 people in attendance. Sincere gratitude goes to every one of the sisters who not only furnished the prizes but helped with setup, working and playing. And a ginormous thank you to all who attended. A great time was had by all.

Special thanks to Walter Kaler for being our “callah” and supplying the cards and chips. Thanks Janette Small for the use of the game, and to Susan Lombardo who helped make the cleverly decorated cupcakes.

And a big thank you to Heather Perkins, director of Bread for the Journey food pantry for her generous donation of the pulled pork. And a shout out to John at Lincoln’s store for donating our final prize, a three-berry pie. The pie was won by Pat Weaver and she passed it on to Walter Kaler who passed it on to the children playing the games. The big winner of the decorated pumpkin went to Debbie Collemer, the band aid was under her seat.

At our next meeting October 4th, we will be discussing if this should be an annual event. Perhaps semi-annual? Caring & Sharing Sisters meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. We have a three-month sabbatical (Dec. Jan. Feb.) Membership is open to all. Won’t you join us?

Carolyn Robinson, President



Susan and Walter get the “Smile of the Day” award



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An article of interest from the Kubik-Finch American Legion Post #142 in Traer, IA.

Submitted by Marcia Cifaldo



TAKE A KNEE

Take a little trip to Valley Forge in January. If you don't know where that is, just Google it from the sidelines. Hold a musket ball in your fingers and imagine it piercing your flesh and breaking a bone or two. There won't be a doctor or trainer to assist you until after the battle, so just wait your turn. Take your cleats and socks off to get a real experience. Then *take a knee*.

Then, *take a knee* at the beach in Normandy where man after American man stormed the beach, even as the one in front of him was shot to pieces...the very sea stained with American blood. The only blockers most had were the dead bodies in front of them, riddled with bullets from enemy fire.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. from Khe San to Saigon... Anywhere will do. REAL Americans died in all those jungles. There was no playbook that told them what was next, but they knew what flag they represented. When they came home, they were protested as well...and spit on for reasons only cowards know.

Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fallujah in 110 degree heat... Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress... Your number won't be printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but there won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth. You're on your own.



There's a lot of places to *take a knee*. Real Americans have given their lives all over the world. When you use the banner under which they fought as a source for your displeasure, you dishonor the memories of those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your liberty.

While you're *on your knee*, pray for those that came before you, not on a manicured lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of ground taken...but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering forests and bitter cold mountains...every inch marked by an American life lost serving that flag you protest.



No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans...just American men and women...delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us...blazing a path so you would have 'the right to *take a knee*.'

You haven't an inkling what it took to get you where you are; but your 'protest' is duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is issued to another...

If you really feel the need to *take a knee*, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank Him for preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for our ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all...because He is the one who provides those things.

And there will be no protest. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the brave. It goes like this...
"GOD BLESS AMERICA!"

by Stanislaus Drew

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OCTOBER MEETINGS

- **Ladies Circle**
October 4, 10:00am
- **Caring & Sharing Sisters**
October 4, 6:30pm
- **Diaconate**
October. 6, 6:30pm
- **Missions**
October 6, 12:00noon
- **Trustees**
October 14, 6:30 pm
- **Church Council**
October 21, 6:30pm
- **Coffee Hour**
9-11am Every Tuesday
- **Children's Clothing Exchange:** *9-11am Every Thursday & the First Saturday every month*

From the office...

- Current office hours are Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Newsletters are mailed and emailed once a month on or near the first of the month.
- Information to be put in the newsletter is due ON or BEFORE the 28th of each month.
- If you need a newsletter mailed to you, please contact the office. Each month there will be printed copies available as well.



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.

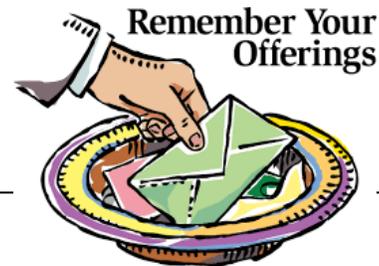
www.SECONDCONGREGATIONAL.org

We are also on Facebook.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING... Thursday October 21st 6:30 pm

Council meets every other month. You are encouraged to attend.

Clerks and Committee heads: please continue to send in your meeting reports each month, every meeting, so they can be added to the bi-monthly council reports. Thank you.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
9/05	\$ 2943.00	55
9/12	1036.00	40
9/19	1160.00	34
9/26	1772.00	65

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Books in the Bible - Old Testament

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- MICAH
- RUTH
- MACCABEES
- KINGS
- JOSHUA
- DANIEL
- DEUTERONOMY
- PROVERBS
- EXODUS
- EZRA
- EZEKIEL
- HOSEA
- LEVITICUS
- JEREMIAH
- PSALMS
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