

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2024



From Woody: As we approach Thanksgiving next week, here is a suggestion that I need to follow myself. If you have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren and want them to have an appreciation of the history of this wonderful holiday, as well as the people who came to Plymouth and the people who helped them survive, take a trip to Plymouth Plantation. Several years ago now, we took a group of kids from the church down to this wonderful place. It is an example of living history where the year is 1627 and the people are actors portraying the historical people who were there. They speak in the English of that time and respond to questions. One thing missing at that time was a significant representation of the Native Americans who helped these settlers from Europe survive. I understand that the Plantation has really worked to improve the presentation of the Natives and their culture as well as interactions with the newcomers. History itself is that the first generation of Pilgrims and the Natives got along quite well but that the later generations of English settlers treated the Natives poorly and a very bloody war broke out. You will also find a replica of the Mayflower in dock there and the most famous rock in our country as well. The town itself is quite nice and has a very nice shoreline as well. It is a good place for us all to ponder the lessons we can learn from the people of 1627. It has always seemed to me that our history can help us understand the present day. Also, it is a challenge when you interact with the people of 1627. I once asked one of the Pilgrims, "How did you refrigerate food?" The actor(Pilgrim) responded with, "I don't understand that word, refrigerate." It is a fun place and not a bad drive. I hope to take our great grandchildren down there sometime soon.



Thanksgiving Food Baskets: We will be collecting donations on Friday, November 22 from 7:30-9 am, and Saturday, November 23 from 8:00-9:00 am. The baskets will be distributed on Saturday, November 23.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: The Choir will be part of an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Hillside United Methodist Church, on **Sunday evening, Nov. 24 at 7 pm.** Choirs from several Goffstown churches will be singing.

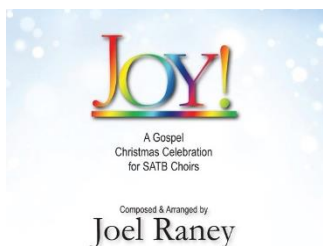


Sunday School is now in session during our worship service (10:00-11:00am). Your family is invited to join our 'Covenant Kingdom!' Multi-aged classes for school-aged children that actively relate Christian beliefs and values to everyday life through stories, art, cooking, music, and more! If you know a family who might enjoy our Sunday school and worship services, please invite them! All are welcome! **Junior Choir** has been newly formed. Any child is welcome to join. They generally practice after *church on Sunday*. *Contact Sam Gorton for more information.*



Organ Concert and Book Signing: We are honored to welcome back Dawn Sweet who will be playing the organ during our church service on **December 8**. Dawn has written a trilogy of books, *Journey of Faith That Gives Us Hope, It's More Than a Story It's A Relationship, and Love, Work, Communion—In Remembrance of Him*. Dawn will be talking about her book, then signing and selling them.

Then, in the afternoon at **3 pm**, Dawn will be offering an hour with the organ. This will be music and thoughts for Advent. The program will consist of Advent hymns, chorales, and other compositions bringing the message of hope, peace, joy and love. This will be a time to simply sit back and ponder the beauty and path to Christmas.



Christmas Cantata: Our choir, along with the Hillside Methodist Church choir, will be presenting a Christmas Cantata on **Sunday, December 15** at 2 pm. Fellowship will follow.



Flowers for Worship: If you would like to provide flowers for a service please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the church office or contact Ellen Anderson (andersel@njms.rutgers.edu., 973-747-2321). Flowers may memorialize a person or an event and always enhance our shared worship experience. If needed, vases are available in the kitchen. Thanks in advance!



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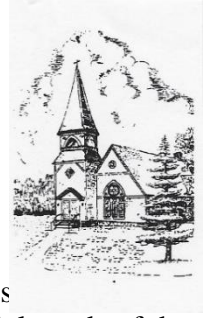


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Peace Quote: When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.....*Travis Scott*

*The Community Church of New Boston
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October 23, 2024

Dear

The cool, crisp days of fall are here along with life becoming increasingly busy for many of us. This also marks the time of year when the Stewardship committee begins to assess the financial needs of the church for the upcoming year.

The church mission remains as important and relevant as ever. Thanks to your support and the support of the community at large, the church has continued to serve a vital and relevant role helping others, keeping our faith family connected, and reaching out to a wider community through on-line worship services.

During its discussions, the Stewardship committee is continually reminded of the many wonderful ways our church family interacts with the greater community of New Boston. A few of the ways your generosity has supported our church building and the community this year are:

- A growing Sunday School, talented Choir (the Cantatas!) and of course, our minister, Woody
- Community Outreach - the Helping Hand Fund that assists those financially in times of crisis (car repairs / heating & electric bills)
- Food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Building maintenance such as annual repairs and physical upkeep (weekly cleaning) as well as improvements and upgrades

Many of you donate to the church during the year for which we are very grateful. For 2025, we ask you to consider making a pledged contribution for the year.

What is a pledge? Quite simply, a pledge is a promise of financial support that the church can “bank on”. The church has a budget that we must set just like many families and businesses. The total amount of money pledged is the single most important tool used by the Session to develop the budget for the church. The pledge may be paid in any way that is best for your family. Many families use pledge envelopes and pay weekly or monthly. Some pay for the entire year with one check or with in-kind appreciated stock donations to take advantage of potential tax benefits. You can also choose to make your contributions online at the church website (communitychurchnewboston.org) or with the QR code on the pledge form.

Why should I pledge? You may be thinking that the church has always made it without your pledge in the past. The church has been able to balance the budget in the past because we have had enough in our reserve account from which we could draw upon to cover any shortfall. It is our hope that we can increase the number of families to cover the shortfall and maintain the reserves for capital expenditures (replacing the multiple furnaces as they are 20+ years old!) relating to owning a historic, 140-year-old building.

How do I know how much to pledge? The amount of your pledge is completely at your discretion. Each family has its own financial picture and only you can determine the contribution that is right for your family. A church friend would often say, “Give until it feels good, not until it hurts.” We estimate all costs to increase 10% in the year to come, so if you are in a position to increase your pledge from last year to this year, it is greatly appreciated!

The Stewardship Committee is grateful for all pledges and appreciates any financial contribution – no matter what size. It is what we pledge *together as a community* that makes a difference.

With our sincerest thanks and gratitude,

Lynn Wawrzyniak Karen Roach Heather Trzepacz Rob Trzepacz Craig Anderson

The Stewardship / Church Life Committee

Consider what your gift can do:

- A gift of \$5 per week will pay about 1/3 of the cost for ads in the Beacon for upcoming church events
- A gift of \$10 per week provides staffing for live streaming of our Sunday service for about 2 ½ months
- A gift of \$25 per week keeps our parking lots and sidewalks clear in the winter.
- A gift of \$35 per week will pay for 3 months of cleaning service for our building
- A gift of \$40 per week will pay for electricity for ½ the year
- A gift of \$75 per week can be set aside to cover 1/3 of the cost of replacing one of our 20yr old HVAC units in the Marden wing.
- A gift of \$100 a week will provide oil & gas to keep the heat on in the church for ½ the year.
- A gift of \$250 per week is equivalent to supporting 11 months of the church's music program, directed by Sam Gorton and accompanied by Karina Allayne.


We are always looking for volunteers to help us with events at the church and in the community. Please let us know if you'd like to give the gift of your time and talent! Many hands make for light work!

See below to let us know how you'd like to volunteer!

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address (for church newsletters – optional): _____

- Per week: _____ You may also pay your pledge using this QR code: 
- Per month: _____
- Annual: (one time) _____
- Members, please consider an additional pledge of: _____ (\$50 / member for your annual dues).
- I would like a member of the Stewardship Committee to contact me

You may contact our Treasurer, Lydia Peak at nbcctreas@gmail.com to check your past pledged amount and with any other questions. Please return this form in the offertory plate or mail to: **Treasurer, Community Church of New Boston, 2 Meetinghouse Hill Road, New Boston, NH 03070.** In addition to cash pledges, donations of appreciated securities may also be accepted.
(See opposite side for volunteer opportunities!)

I'd like to Volunteer my time and talent (circle your choices):

Baking / Prep / Cooking / Serving at Church events, Desserts at the Town Summer Concerts, Community Dinners

Maintenance of the Church and Grounds (Cleaning / Organizing / Spring Clean Up / Raking Leaves)

Assisting with Sunday School

Helping with Holiday Food Baskets and Gifts

Singing in the Choir

Greeting and/or providing Fellowship Snacks

Helping with the Stewardship Campaign

Grant writing for the Bell Tower repair