

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2024



From Woody: I had the honor of visiting our oldest citizen on Saturday. It was Frances Towne's 97th birthday. Frances and Howard were some of the very first people I met some 42 years ago when I first preached as a temporary fill in at this wonderful church in New Boston. They were among the loyal core of people who kept the church going during some difficult times. They were an amazing couple and represented the wonderful values of this community. They were active in the church, in the Grange and in the

community. Frances was a part of the Circle Singers, an acclaimed area singing group, and also a faithful member of the choir. Howard was a greatly admired veteran and together they became part of the current Memorial Day observance for the town, which takes place the week of Memorial Day. They were a great example of a true loving marriage and a couple who cared for their family, for many other friends and for the town of New Boston. For years Howard was the oldest citizen until he passed away at 100. After Betty Poltrak held the cane for the oldest citizen until her death earlier this year. Then, the honor went to Frances. She is now a resident of Belaire Nursing Home in Goffstown along with another wonderful lady of our congregation, Verna Elliott. It would be great if anyone would like to send her a card or a greeting. It is not easy to be somewhere other than the home you lived in for so many years. A note or card would be a reminder that we all continue to care about her. If you would like to send a card her address is:

Frances Towne
Belaire Nursing Home
29 Center St.
Goffstown, NH 03145



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: It was a treat to have the newly formed junior choir sing for us. They sounded wonderful! Any child is welcome to join. They generally practice after church on Sunday. Contact Sam Gorton for more information.



Peace and Global Witness Offering: We have had a great collection for the Peace and Global Witness Offering and will still accept gifts this week. A quarter of what we collect will go directly to Flood Relief our Southern states who have suffered two horrendous hurricanes in the past couple weeks.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: The Choir will be part of an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday evening, Nov. 24** with choirs of several Goffstown churches. More details in the weeks ahead.



Walk to End Alzheimer's: The Ballou family participated in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® to raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Barbara, John, Katie and Kenny raised over \$1200. **Great work Ballou's for a very worthy cause.**



Dress A Girl Around the World: Kristi Citak was able to send 155 dresses to Dress A Girl Around the World, thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers who donated fabric, sewing dresses, cutting out dresses, ironing fabrics, sorting fabrics to cut into dresses, and time! And we can't forget the \$495 that was donated, enabling Kristi to purchase underwear, socks, and t-shirts.

Kristi and her team will begin sewing dresses for 2025 starting in January of 2025! Contact Kristi at 603-486-9910 if you have any questions or are interested in helping. **Great work everyone!**



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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Peace Quote: Let us act on our faith and not our fears.....*Unitarian Benediction*