

THE UNITED CHURCH OF WINCHESTER
NEWSLETTER—JULY 2025



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CHURCH CALENDAR—JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7/1 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	7/2 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	7/3	7/4	7/5 No July Bean Supper
7/6 10am Worship/ Communion - Rev. .Pat McCloud, Worship Leader	7/7 7pm - 9pm AA Mtg (FH)	7/8 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	7/9 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	7/10	7/11 4:15pm Leadership Team Mtg (FH) 6pm - 7pm Open Table (FH)	7/12
7/13 10am Worship - Rev. Pat McCloud Worship Leader	7/14 7pm - 9pm AA Mtg (FH)	7/15 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	7/16 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	7/17	7/18	7/19
7/20 10am Worship - ?? Worship Leader	7/21 7pm - 9pm AA Mtg (FH)	7/22 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	7/23 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	7/24	7/25 6pm - 7pm Open Table (FH)	7/26
7/27 10am Worship - Rev. Rob Donaldson, Worship Leader	7/28 7pm - 9pm AA Mtg (FH)	7/29 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	7/30 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	7/31		

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE

Effective June 30th, the days and times that the church office is open have changed.

**NEW HOURS / DAYS ARE: 7:00am - 10:00am
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.**

For office related issues, concerns or requests, please either call the office at 603-239-4465 or email unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com or stop in during the times noted above.

NOTICE

**THE JULY BEAN SUPPER HAS BEEN CANCELLED. WE
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ON AUGUST 2ND
FOR ANOTHER DELICIOUS MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP.**

The Give and Take Blessings Nook:

The United Church of Winchester manages a food pantry, with donated food being distributed at the food shelves located inside the Winchester, NH Town Hall by the main entrance. The philosophy of the shelves is “Give what you can, take what you need.” Anyone is welcome to partake of the blessings of the food, and we are always looking for new donations. Currently, our food needs are as follows: Canned fruit, Soup, Canned meat and fish, Ramen noodles, Pasta and sauce, Canned meals such as chili beans or ravioli, Cheese nabs, Granola bars, Peanut butter, and Cold cereal. May the food pantry be a blessing to you! We appreciate the continued donations and support! If you have questions, please reach out to Gaelle at gaellemcloud@gmail.com or 774-301-5737. Thank you!

Upcoming raffle: Marion Whippie has once again created a handsome queen-size quilt, and Sandy Williams has crocheted a lovely lace tablecloth, both of which we will raffle to support our church budget. We would like to have the raffle tickets available at all the bean suppers until we draw the winning tickets in December. We would also like to have a table at the Farmers’ Market several times during the summer and fall. At the Farmers’ Market, we will also collect for socks for the homeless. This year the socks will be donated to One Hundred Nights to support their work with homeless people in our area. If you can give some time on a Saturday to sell raffle tickets and collect for socks, please let Gaelle McLoud (774-301-5737) or Mitty Johnson (774-230-2526) know and we will make the arrangements with the Farmers’ Market or Bean Team.



Please keep the following people in your prayers: Joni Otto and her daughter, Kelda Stetson, Family & friends of Gary Rokes, Jennifer Wheeling and family, Theresa Hallett, Baby Charlotte, Nola Poole, Stacy Corliss, Ruth Anderson, Gaelle McLoud, Karla Bruno, Larry VanCor, Donnie Prentice, Bob Conner, Aloe Ryder Collins, Jessica Shea, Laura, Paula Dewey's sister Patricia Liddell, those suffering from the ravages of war and those displaced by natural disasters.

Prayers Needed:

If you, a family member or loved one have someone who is in need of prayers, please e-mail the church office at unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com or leave a message on the office phone 1-603-239-4465 and we will add that individuals name to our prayer list.



07/05 - Marie Vaine
07/10 - Marcia Ammann
07/10 - Rosalie Whittle
07/15 - Thea Marsh
07/19 - Keith Whippie
07/22 - Thelma Gomarlo
07/24 - Buster Chambers
07/25 - Noah Howard

07/05 - Jay & Rebecca Roy
07/09 - Jed & Kate Butterfield
07/11 - Jeff & Penny Vaine
07/18 - Gary & Sandy Williams
07/20 - Philip & Joyce Samsel

Communion Sunday Help Needed: Over the past several years, various lay people have taken turns preparing the Communion elements and assisting in serving Communion. Mitty Johnson has been volunteering to do this over the past several years and is ready to have someone else take a turn. She will be happy to continue to supply the grape juice each month, so the new volunteer will just have to buy the bread and cut it up, prepare the table, serve the elements, and wash the few Communion vessels afterwards. Please speak to Mitty if you can help out with this.

Recycling: Many folks seem to be unaware that our church does recycling. If you have # 1 or #2 plastic containers or metal food cans left over from a church activity, please rinse them out and deposit them in one of the beige boxes underneath the big dishwashing sinks. Paper or cardboard, such as your church bulletin, can be placed in the big box just inside the church door next to the food donation box. A blue recycling bin is coming soon to that location to make the paper recycling center more obvious. Thanks for "pitching in" to help our environment.

Requests for Reimbursements: If you need our church treasurer to cut you a check, either to reimburse you for money you have fronted for a church project, or to pay a church vendor, you must now fill out a check request form. These are found in a marked envelope in the “Out” box on the door of the church office. A receipt **must** be attached to the form. Return the completed form to the “In” box on the office door. *Unauthorized expenses will not be reimbursed.*

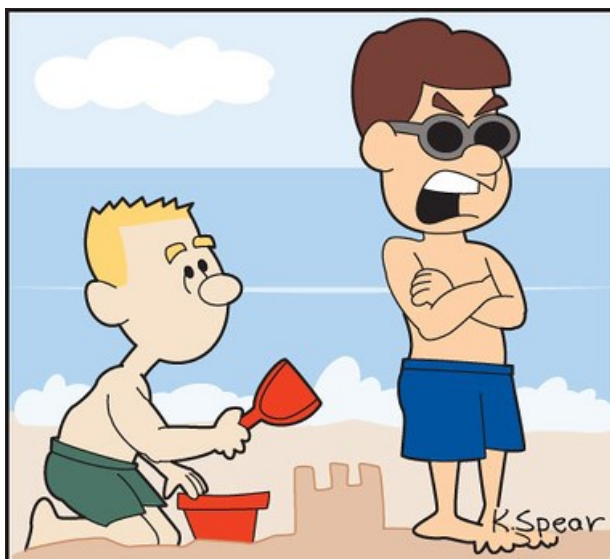
Give and Take Blessing Nook donations: Many thanks to our Winchester branch of the Savings Bank of Walpole, which has been running a food drive for the Give and Take Blessing Nook, located in the main entry of the Town Hall, throughout the month of June. We have also received a donation for the Blessing Nook from The Monadnock Shopper News in memory of Gary Jackson. This is the time of year when donations to the Blessing Nook thin out, and with food prices so high, we have more folks than ever who need help with groceries. We are so grateful to these local businesses for their assistance with this vital ministry.

Questions about the Blessing Nook? Or wishing to make a large donation? Contact Gaelle McLoud (774-301-5737).

“Give what you can; Take what you need”

Next Leadership Team Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, July 11th at 4:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Please forward any agenda items to Jim Tetreault at **jtetreault@winchester.nh.gov** no later than **Wednesday, July 9th**. Thank you



“This stinks! When they said ‘vacation,’ I thought they meant Vacation Bible School.”

Communion Offerings: One of the things that fell by the wayside during the Covid shutdown was our monthly Communion offering for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which helps people with temporary needs such as fuel oil. The Leadership Team would like to revive this monthly offering, but expand it to include other missions that serve local people or those farther afield. Under the name Monthly Mission, we will collect for the Discretionary Fund on Communion Sunday in odd-numbered months and another mission on Communion Sunday in even-numbered months. We will do this for several months on a trial basis, and would like to hear feedback from the congregation. All of the designated missions are ones that TUCW has supported in the past. The schedule is as follows:

Jan: Discretionary Fund
Feb: One Hundred Nights
Mar: Discretionary Fund
Apr: David's House
May: Discretionary Fund
June: Our Church's Wider Mission (UCC)
July: Discretionary Fund
Aug: Feeding Tiny Tum mies
Sept: Discretionary Fund
Oct: Habitat for Humanity
Nov: Discretionary Fund
Dec: Church World Service Blankets

Members of the leadership Team have formed a small committee focusing on the revision of the TUCW by laws. This is a goal driven short term committee that dissolves when the desired outcome has been achieved with a final product approved by the Leadership Team and the Congregation.

If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please reach out to Pat at unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com or contact Danielle at 603.903.8629 or dmeleski@winchester.nh.gov

WISH LIST:

We are reaching out to our congregation to see if there is something they'd like to see at the church in the future, a wish list of sorts. Sometimes communication can be challenging in our small church and that might make members feel unheard but hopefully not under appreciated. The cost to keep our beautiful church open is overwhelming to say the least but we don't want to lose sight of making our church, our place of peace, all work and no play. Maybe, we could think about rewarding ourselves with something fun or pretty. Let's give our brains a break from always thinking about our next expense! Send your wish list items to Pat at unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com We will keep the wish list running and knock items off one at a time.

The United Church of Winchester

Outreach Article for July 2025 Newsletter

By: Gaelle McLoud

June 25, 2025

Mission of the Month:

The United Church of Winchester Discretionary Fund:

The mission of the month for July is the discretionary fund of our church. Have you ever been in a tight spot and could not pay your bills? Have you ever been affected by a natural disaster or house fire? Our friends in the community need additional financial help sometimes and the discretionary fund can provide that support. In addition, the members of our own church can benefit from the discretionary fund when in need. If you would like to donate to this little fund that provides big relief, then please label your donation on the envelope or check as designated for the July mission of the month.

Please consider donating to this mission, and thank you for supporting your fellow neighbors in Christ! If you have questions, please reach out to Gaelle at gaellemcloud@gmail.com or 774-301-5737.



Post Date	Check	Description	Debit	Credit	Status	Classification
06/01/2025		Interest Paid		\$ 0.07	Posted	Interest Income
05/28/2025	5465	Check #5465 Rosalie Sanisbury	\$ 200.00		Posted	Pastor
05/28/2025	5466	Check #5466 Rosalie Sainsbury				
		Mileage	\$ 79.04		Posted	Pastor Mileage
05/28/2025		Deposit		\$ 1,220.79	Posted	Income
05/21/2025		Granite State Management & Resources	\$ 1,521.50		Posted	Window Repair
05/21/2025	890115	Ck Check #890115 Jay Roy	\$ 300.00		Posted	2024 Plow Bill
05/20/2025		Ipay Aubuchons	\$ 125.31		Posted	Maintenance Supplies
05/20/2025		FairPoint Communications	\$ 69.75		Posted	Alarm Panel
05/20/2025		Transfer to Conf Final Payment for Windows		\$ 1,521.50	Posted	Transfer
05/19/2025		Deposit		\$ 1,020.00	Posted	Income
05/14/2025	5458	Check #5458 Pat McLoud	\$ 200.00		Posted	Pastor
05/13/2025	5464	Check #5464 Pat McLoud	\$ 200.00		Posted	Pastor
05/13/2025		Transfer to Conf Reimbursement for Apri	\$ 2,527.67		Posted	To cover payroll
05/13/2025		Deposit		\$ 1,668.00	Posted	Income
05/07/2025	890118	Ck Check #890118 Town of Winchester	\$ 174.64		Posted	Utility Water/Sewer
05/05/2025	5462	Check #5462 Pat Johnson	\$ 546.41		Posted	Admin Asst
05/05/2025	890117	Ck Check #890117 Amer Electric Silcock Repair	\$ 240.00		Posted	Contracted Servicees
05/05/2025	5460	Check #5460 Joel Gomarilo	\$ 731.10		Posted	Sexton
05/05/2025	5463	Check #5463 Pat McLoud	\$ 200.00		Posted	Pastor
05/05/2025		Deposit		\$ 767.00	Posted	Income
05/02/2025	5461	Check #5461 Felicia Howard	\$ 731.10		Posted	Organist
05/02/2025		Dist Amt Uua Uucef		\$ 2,186.75	Posted	Income
05/01/2025	5457	US Treasury Check #5457	\$ 453.90		Posted	Federal Tax
05/01/2025		Transfer to Conf Cover April Payroll		\$ 2,527.67	Posted	To cover payroll
05/01/2025		Transfer to Conf via Online		\$ 162.37	Posted	To cover expenses
			\$ 8,300.42	\$ 11,074.15		

Treasurer's Notes: Insurance payment at the beginning of the month, toppped with not getting the anticpated quarterly distribution, made May payroll difficult. Transferred money form another account to cover payroll, then reimbursed that account. Each calendar quarter we have sizable bills; property insurance, workers comp and federal payroll taxes with payroll.

The leadership team has explored every existing contract and found ways to save on each. The last contract for conversation is the Amerigas account. On 6/13 the team discussed two options, Ciardelli and L& G Propane. The current tank placement does not meet code. Both vendors quoted a new tank with installation and inspection of the current gas line. The quote from L&G was \$447.00 and did not include fixed pricing. Ciardelli is providing a tank, installation and inspection free of charge with fixed pricing of \$3.499 for this year, a reduction from our current vendor (Amerigas) of \$1.50 per gallon.

The new fridge was charged to the Treasurers credit card, \$869.95 That expense will be reflected in the July report.