

THE UNITED CHURCH OF WINCHESTER
NEWSLETTER—JUNE 2025



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CHURCH CALENDAR—JUNE

1 Communion 11am - Worship Leader Rev. Pat McLoud	2 7-9pm AA Mtg (FH)	3 8-9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	4 6-7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	5	6	7 5-6:30pm Bean Supper
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29 11am - Worship Leader ?	30 7-9pm AA Mtg (FH)					

Pentecost is June 8: “The birthday of the Church” will be celebrated at Sunday morning worship on June 8. Members of the congregation are invited to wear red to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit among us.

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!

Mission of the Month:

Our Church's Wider Mission of the United Church of Christ (UCC):

The United Church of Winchester's support of the UCC's Wider Mission is an expression of service towards the national family of UCC churches and helps to sustain the broader work of the church. For example, the mission can help aid local churches with scholarships to train lay leaders for greater ministries to their congregations. The mission statement from the UCC website for Our Church's Wider Mission is as follows:

"In isolation, no single congregation can completely answer God's call to love. Together we are a bold witness to God's extravagant love for all. We share resources to transform our vision into reality. Gifts from congregations like ours to OCWM Basic Support make it possible for our Conferences and the National Ministries to strengthen local churches and leaders and engage us in mission well beyond our community."

Please consider donating to this mission during the month of June, and lift the UCC church in our nation, encouraging the spread of Christ's love throughout our communities. Thank you! If you have questions, please reach out to Gaelle at gaellemcloud@gmail.com or 774-301-5737.

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.

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.*

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Family & friends of Kira Franklin, 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.



06/05 - Tabitha Bates
06/05 - Chris Thompson
06/09 - Derek Bader, Jr.
06/11 - Savanah Conant
06/15 - Annette Mullins
06/15 - Bayleigh Roy
06/17 - Jodi Bigelow
06/18 - Stanley Conant
06/19 - James Ammann
06/21 - Seth Chase
06/27 - Rachael Butterfield
06/28 - Derek Bader, Sr.
06/28 - Cody Roy



06/17 - Greg J. & Dee Salonen

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.

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 Tummys

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.

		Expense	Income	
04/30/2025	Interest Paid		\$ 0.06	Interest Income
04/30/2025 890116	Ck Check #890116 RICOH	\$ 279.66		Old Copier Debt
04/30/2025 890114	Ck Check #890114 Stanley	\$ 230.00		Contracted Services
04/30/2025	Deposit		\$ 250.00	Income
04/30/2025	Telephone Transfer		\$ 7.00	Bank Error-Needs to go back into Special
04/29/2025 890113	Ck Check #890113 State of NH	\$ 50.00		Contracted Services
04/25/2025	Granite State Management & Resources	\$ 1,521.50		Granite State Glass
04/25/2025	FairPoint Communications/Fidium	\$ 69.50		Office Phone Interent
04/24/2025 890111	Ck Check #890111 Stanley	\$ 608.00		Contracted Services
04/24/2025	Transfer to Conf Deposit for Quote		\$ 1,521.50	Transfer from Special for Contract with GSG
04/23/2025	Ipay Eversource	\$ 423.95		Utilities
04/23/2025	AmeriGas	\$ 390.74		Utilities
04/23/2025	Capital One Credit Card Aubuchons	\$ 125.91		Maintenance Supplies
04/23/2025	Deposit		\$ 705.34	Income
04/22/2025	FairPoint Communications/Alarm Panel Line	\$ 77.51		Utilities
04/22/2025	Ipay Eversource Parking Lot Light	\$ 63.42		Utilities
04/22/2025 890112	Ck Check #890112 Market Basket	\$ 343.84		Bean Supper
04/22/2025 5456	Check #5456 Pat McLoud	\$ 400.00		Pastor
04/21/2025 890110	Ck Check #890110 Market Basket	\$ 358.51		Bean Supper
04/17/2025	Ipay the Monadnock Shopper	\$ 166.50		Spring Tea
04/16/2025 890109	Ck Check #890109 Insurance Board	\$ 2,073.75		Insurance
04/16/2025	Deposit		\$ 675.00	Income
04/15/2025	Deposit		\$ 1,539.00	Income
04/14/2025 5455	Check #5455 Pat McLoud	\$ 200.00		Pastor
04/11/2025 5454	Check #5454 Paula Dewey	\$ 166.67		Spring Tea
04/11/2025	Umfne United Methodist		\$ 354.53	Income
04/09/2025 890108	Ck Check #890108 Market Basket	\$ 373.18		Bean Supper
04/07/2025 5452	Check #5452 Felicia Howard	\$ 731.10		Organist
04/07/2025	Deposit		\$ 1,737.00	Income
04/04/2025 890107	Ck Check #890107 Stanley	\$ 304.00		Contracted Services
04/04/2025 890106	Ck Check #890106 Stanley	\$ 304.00		Contracted Services
04/03/2025	Webpayment Hylantgroupinc	\$ 271.77		Workers Comp
04/02/2025 5451	Check #5451 Joel Gomarlo	\$ 731.09		Payroll
04/02/2025 5453	Check #5453 Pat Johnson	\$ 546.40		Payroll
		\$ 10,811.00	\$ 6,789.43	

Treasurer's Notes:

The Stanley contract was due to increase another 6.5% beginning April 2025. The original and last contract signed was dated 2013 for \$180 p/m. In 2023 the payments were \$285 and then in 2024 were \$304. In March, Stanley Elevator invoiced the TUCW the usual \$304 monthly payment and another \$230 for an annual NHDOL inspection (\$50) which they say required Amer Electric to be on site for another \$240 (that check did not clear the account in April). **Total elevator cost for March \$824.00.** For an elevator with such limited use that's far too high. Leadership put the contract out to bid. At the April meeting voted to accept a contract with another vendor, Mack Elevators, for \$180 p/m. Upon acceptance of that contract **Mack** counter offered with a quarterly maintenance schedule for just **\$90p/m.**

The March **AmeriGas** bill was the highest I've seen since my time as Treasurer, 73.1 gallons @ \$4.99=**\$364.76** which includes a HAZMAT fee of \$14.98, a paper bill fee of \$2.99 and fuel recovery \$7.98. With no specific incident to report, it is assumed that one of the groups using the ovens/stove might have left the gas on and wasted some fuel. If you are a part of a group that uses the kitchen for a meeting or an event, please take caution when leaving the building.

The storm windows that protect the stain glass suffered some damage through the course of the winter. At the least leadership meeting the team voted to approve the lowest bidder for the storm window project. This project includes replacement of the one window that has fallen out and inspection of the rest. **Granite State Glass** contract is **\$3043.00** and required a 50% deposit. It is assumed that the inspection of the rest of the windows will result in additional charges. The team voted to use the anonymous donation collected in 2023 for a garbage disposal/sink reconfiguration project that was determined to be unnecessary and potentially another long term expense that the church cannot afford.

The Spring Tea and the Bean Supper income helped us to get caught up in some old unpaid expenses associated with Stanley Elevator, the 2024 snow plow season, Market Basket and RICOH (Wells Fargo, old copy machine account). The RICOH account is not paid in full but we have made a good faith attempt in paying our debt. The treasurer overpaid the Market Basket account by \$358.10 :(That overpayment will pay the April & May Bean Supper charge and whatever is left will be forwarded to the June expense. The treasurers reporting will not include Market Basket charges until that credit is redeemed. Thank you to all who make those events happen! As of May 9, 2025 the total profit for the **2025 Spring Tea event is \$3180.83.**

As of May 9, 2025 TUCW has accepted **\$5578.00** in pledges to support the general fund. January's total was **\$2717.00**, February **\$1540.00**, March **\$1770.00**, April **\$1513.00** and week 1 of May we collected **\$125.00.**

Annual payroll is **\$26,099.88** including payroll taxes. We pay our Sexton **\$791.66(\$18.27 p/h)**, Organist **\$791.66 (\$182.70 p/h)** and Administrative Assistant **\$591.67(\$15.18 p/h)** each month. To support just our payroll ,we need to collect **\$543.75** per week in pledges.

Expenses Since January 1

Utilities: **\$1273.95**

Building Maintech/Contracted Services: **\$4223.33** with **\$1521.50** coming from Special Funds

Office Expenses: **\$1645.24**

Property Insurance : **\$4147.50** plus Workers Comp **\$543.54**