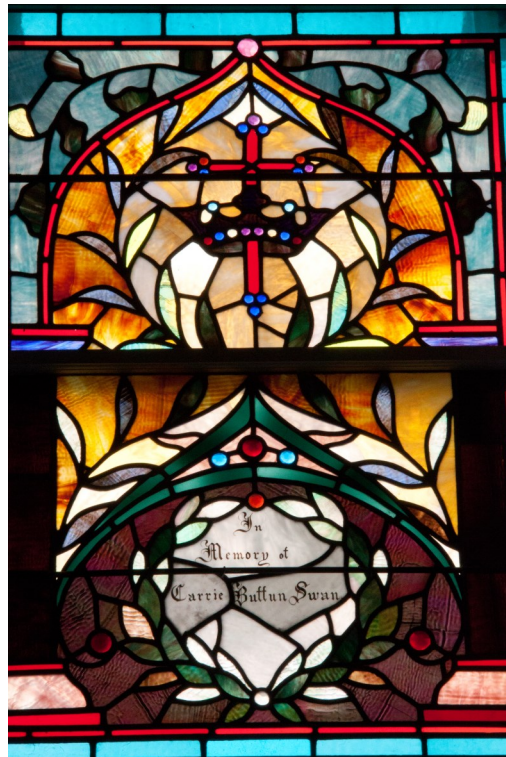


The Winchester Weekly Window
Week of
May 11, 2025
Through
May 18, 2025



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THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Sunday 05/11/25 Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00am - 11:00am Worship (S) (The Rev. Patrick McLoud)

11:00am - Fellowship Time (FH)

Monday 05/12/25

5:00pm - 8:00pm Administrative Assistant IN Office

7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Mtg (FH)

Tuesday 05/13/25

5:00pm - 8:00pm Administrative Assistant IN Office

6:00pm - 7:30pm Kiwanis Mtg (FH)

8:00pm - 9:00pm 12 Step Group (FH)

Wednesday 05/14/25

5:00pm - 8:00pm Administrative Assistant IN Office

6:00pm - 7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry (FH)

Thursday 05/15/25

5:00pm - 8:00pm Administrative Assistant OUT of Office

Friday 05/16/25

Saturday 05/17/25

Sunday 05/18/25 Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00am - 11:00am Worship (S) (Worship Leader ??)

11:00am - Fellowship Time (FH)

Requests for Checks: 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 or purchase order **must** be attached to the form. Return the completed form to the “In” box on the office door or give it directly to the church treasurer. This will help us to keep our accounting straight.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE		WORSHIP LEADERS
May 9	(OT)	Mitty Johnson
May 11		Rev. Pat McLoud
May 18		????



Please keep the following people in your prayers: Kira Franklin, Jennifer Wheeling and family, Theresa Hallett, Baby Charlotte, Nola Poole, Stacy Corliss, Ruth Anderson, Gaelle McCloud, 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.

BIRTHDAYS

05/01 - Malinda Bates-Guptill
05/01 - Joel Gomarlo
05/05 - Jeff Vaine
05/07 - Patricia Johnson
05/07 - Gary Jackson
05/07 - Laura Vaine
05/08 - Skylar Lutz
05/12 - Emily Horan
05/19 - Ramona Rousell
05/20 - Betty Freyenhagen
05/22 - Greg J. Salonen
05/25 - Mary L. Johnson
05/31 - Savannah Gauthier

ANNIVERSARIES

05/27 - Rev. Pat McCloud & Amaret Johnson



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 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.

Our Prayer Chain is ready to help.

Do you or a loved one need prayer? Our church members are always happy to pray for your needs. We have three ways to request prayer for your situation:

For urgent or confidential needs you can call Mitty Johnson (774-230-2526) or any member of our prayer chain.

To ask the whole church to pray and to lift up your concern during worship you can call or email the church office or Outreach Team leader Mitty Johnson. You may do this in addition to having your concern on the prayer chain, if you wish.

To be added to the church prayer list or to have someone phone you for private prayer you may fill out a form and leave it in the “Prayer Request” box to the right of the church entrance door.

We will pray for anyone so if your friend or neighbor expresses a concern to you, ask, “Would you like to have your concern on the church prayer list?” If someone is worried about confidentiality, they may use the prayer chain or be put on the church list with first name only.

Mitty Johnson

Jackie Taylor

Felicia Howard-Olmstead

Sandy Williams

Kevan Whippie

Penny Vaine

Mim Johnson

Mary L. Johnson

Nicole Eddy

Rosalie Whittle

Thelma Gomarlo

Marion Baldvins

Lauren Reese

CHURCH DONATION:

In September of 2023 there was an anonymous cash donation of \$3000.00 with a designation of “garbage disposal”. At that time there was some conversation about whether or not the kitchen sink, or more commonly known as “Sandy’s Sink”, was experiencing some issues with clogging and overflowing. Conversation ensued about remedies, one of which was a garbage disposal.

However, once it was discovered that garbage disposals were not permitted in kitchens such as ours, the conversation turned to “reconfiguration” of the sink and eliminating the air gap below the sink. That kitchen is designed with an air gap to meet the NH State plumbing codes for commercial kitchens. Our maintenance team has developed procedures for routinely inspecting and cleaning the catch below the sink to ensure the sink doesn’t overflow. Additionally, they have resurfaced the interior of that cabinet with protective materials that will reduce the amount of wear and tear in the event of future overflows. If you have noticed, please peek at it the next time you’re in the kitchen! Maintenance has solved an issue that left the Treasurer with an issue, \$3000 dollars without a home. At a recent leadership meeting, the maintenance committee presented estimates for the replacement of a damaged storm window that protects our beautiful stained-glass window. Estimates are between \$3000 and \$5000, however, we anticipate that expenditure to be more when an inspection is made on the remaining storm windows. The Leadership Team would like to use the \$3000 anonymous donation toward that repair.

If anyone has any questions or concern, please direct them via email to a leadership member for discussion.

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.

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 Tummies
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

