

THE UNITED CHURCH OF WINCHESTER
NEWSLETTER— AUGUST 2025



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CHURCH CALENDAR— AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					8/1	8/2 5:00pm- 6:30pm Bean Supper
8/3 10am Worship/ Communion - Rev. .Pat McCloud, Worship Leader	8/4 10:00am – 1:00pm Kitchen Rental 7pm - 9pm AA Mtg (FH)	8/5 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	8/6 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	8/7	8/8 4:15pm Leadership Team Mtg (FH) 6pm - 7pm Open Table (FH)	8/9
8/10 10am Worship - Rev. Pat McCloud Worship Leader	8/11 10:00am – 1:00pm Kitchen Rental 7pm - 9pm AA Mtg (FH)	8/12 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	8/13 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	8/14	8/15	8/16
8/17 10am Worship - Rosalie Sainsbury Worship Leader	8/18 7pm - 9pm AA Mtg (FH)	8/19 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	8/20 5:30pm –9:00pm Kitchen Rental 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	8/21	8/22 6pm - 7pm Open Table (FH)	8/23
8/24 10am Worship - Rev. Rob Donaldson, Worship Leader	8/25 10:00am – 1:00pm Kitchen Rental 7pm - 9pm AA Mtg (FH)	8/26 8pm—9pm 12-Step Mtg (FH)	8/27 6pm - 7pm St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	8/28	8/29	8/30
8/31 10am Worship - Rev. Rob Donaldson, Worship Leader						



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: Frank Greco and family, Jennifer Wheeling and family, Theresa Hallett and family, Judy & Ron Fortin, 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.



08/01 - Jennifer Johnson-Fountain
08/05 - Arthur Johnson
08/09 - Brian Thompson
08/10 - Jackie Taylor
08/17 - Dorothy Farnan
08/17 - Ashley Thompson
08/22 - Makaleigh Lutz
08/24 - Ethan Marsh
08/27 - Kathy Gratton

08/16 - Harold & Pamela Bigelow, III

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.

A Prayer for Our Church:

Dear God, Help us to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, and help us to love and serve one another and the community around us in your name. Amen.

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.*

August Open Table Dates: Come as you are for a simple supper and informal worship around the table on Friday, August 8 and Friday, August 22 in Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend–this is a great way to welcome people who are turned off by the idea of more formal, traditional worship.

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

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:00am - 10:00am.

For office related issues, concerns or requests, please either call the office at 603-239-4465 or email unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com or stop in Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between the hours of 7:00am - 10:00am. Thank You

SHARE CONGRATULATIONS!

It is with much pleasure we announce the official adoption of Austin Tetreault Farr by Jim Tetreault on July 22, 2025. Please welcome Austin to our church family and congratulate Jim on the new addition to his family!

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: <i>Discretionary Fund</i>		MAY: <i>Discretionary Fund</i>		SEP: <i>Discretionary Fund</i>
FEB: <i>One Hundred Nights</i>		JUN: <i>Our Church's Wider Mission (UCC)</i>		OCT: <i>Habitat for Humanity</i>
MAR: <i>Discretionary Fund</i>		JUL: <i>Discretionary Fund</i>		NOV: <i>Discretionary Fund</i>
APR: <i>David's House</i>		AUG: <i>Feeding Tiny Tummies</i>		DEC: <i>Church World Service Blankets</i>

Gaelle McLoud
July 29, 2025

The United Church of Winchester
Gaelle McLoud

Mission of the Month: August 2025
Feeding Tiny Tummies: Keene, NH

Hello Church Family,

The Mission of the Month for August 2025 is the organization Feeding Tinny Tummies, located in Keene, NH. The goal of this mission is to aid families and individuals in the surrounding community who are experiencing food insecurity. Their Mission Statement is as follows:

We are committed to nourishing the tummies and minds of the next generation—one bag, one weekend, one child at a time—and we extend this mission to everyone in need.

The mission began in 2017, and has expanded greatly since that time. Although the name describes, "Tiny Tummies," the organization helps persons of all ages and situations who are hungry and in need of assistance. Currently, there is a Resource Center, as well as a Pre-Loved Project thrift store that provide aid. For example, The Resource Center can guide persons with completing necessary paperwork to receive further help. In addition, The Elijah Project is a resource for young teens and persons in the LGBTQ+ community to gain support. There is also an educational component to Feeding Tiny Tummies, as they place academic resources in their food donation bags, so that young children may have access to activity sheets and crayons.

Please consider donating to this wonderful mission in the month of August by leaving a donation at the church in a labeled envelope, or writing the mission's name in the "Memo" line of your check. You may also mail your donation to the church at: 99 Main St. Winchester, NH 03470. Thank you!!

If you have any questions, or would like to learn more, please call Gaelle McLoud (774) 301-5737, or email gaellemcloud@gmail.com

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.

To date we have received the following Wish List items:

- ♦ *Banners or some kind of signage in front of the church, so people know church is open.*
- ♦ *Advertise the rental of our hall for weddings, birthday parties, etc.*
 - *With the updating of the church website and Facebook, we have seen an increase in rental requests.*
- ♦ *Dehumidifier for basement—large capacity.*
 - *A dehumidifier was purchased back in May.*

Just a Reminder: During the summer months, when folks are on vacation or away for the weekend, the church's expenses continue. Please remember to keep your pledge up to date so that we can continue to pay the bills. Thank you!

PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH KITCHEN

*If you are missing your favorite pie plate, bowl, pot or other kitchen items, **PLEASE**, stop by our church kitchen and see if any of the items left following the Bean Supper belong to you. If you find that any of the items are yours, please take them home.*

Thanks

The Pickle Festival is Sept. 27! For the past two years, we have had a booth right in front of the church, selling homemade bars, coffee, and other snacks. This has been a great money-maker, as well as giving our church more visibility in the community. If you are able to serve on a team to help organize our booth for this September, please contact Mitty Johnson (774-230-2526) or Kevan Whippie. Many hands make light the work!

Where is our church headed? Plan to attend church on September 14 and stay afterward for a potluck lunch and discussion of how we see the future of our church, the direction in which we want to go, and ways to achieve this. Please prepare by praying for guidance for our church community, and be sure to watch for further announcements about the potluck. If you can help with set up or clean up for the potluck, please contact Mim Johnson.

Are you prayer-curious? Wanting to start a prayer practice? Wanting to revitalize your prayer life? Wanting to find a way to connect with the Divine that better suits your temperament? If so, this group is for you. In experiential sessions over five weeks in September and October, we will explore the following topics:
Week One: What is Prayer? Making Room for Prayer, Making the Most of Traditional Prayers
Week Two: Opening to Silence
Week Three: Embodying Prayer
Week Four: Praying for Others
Week Five: Praying Continuously
If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Mitty Johnson (774-230-2526).

Many thanks to the Savings Bank of Walpole! Their June food drive for the Give and Take Blessing Nook at the Town Hall resulted in many cases of much-needed food at a time of the year when donations are always low. As food insecurity increases in New Hampshire, their public-spirited outreach is much appreciated!



Gaelle McLoud
July 29, 2025

Outreach Team Missions Article
August 2025 Newsletter

Hello Church Family,

The ELM Memorial Community Center, located at 21 Durkee St. Winchester, NH 03470, is hosting a free, "Clothing and Stuff Swap," on Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 9am to 2pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to donate your used clothes to a great cause, and perhaps pick-up some new looks for yourself as well! The United Church of Winchester will be collecting donations of gently used clothes for this event. We will also be looking for volunteers to help us sort our donations before turning them over to the ELMCC. Please let Gaelle, Mitty, or Danielle, know if you would like to donate, and if you can help sort. You can call Gaelle at (774) 301-5737, or email her at gaellemcloud@gmail.com to let her know you are interested. Thank you!!



Greetings from the Pastor Search Committee:

Just a quick update as to what is happening! Right now! We are in the process of conducting a survey of our members, the active membership has had it available to them, right now we are working on getting it out to our inactive members to let them know we care about their opinions.

If you would like to participate you can find a copy in the narthex of the Church or contact me via email jimtetreault65@gmail.com
Jim Tetreault, Chair

Post Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Classification
06/30/2025	Interest Paid		\$0.08	Interest Income
06/30/2025	Ck Check #890123	\$200.00		Market Basket/Bean Supper
06/30/2025	Deposit		\$488.49	Income
06/27/2025	Check #5505 Rosalie Sainsbury	\$200.00		Pastor
06/27/2025	Check #5506 Rosalie Sainsbury	\$79.06		Pastor Mileage
06/25/2025	Eversource	\$358.30		Utiltiy
06/25/2025	FairPoint Communications	\$69.75		Utility
06/25/2025	Deposit		\$300.00	Income
06/24/2025	Ck Check #890122 Bob Black	\$286.36		Contratced Services
06/20/2025	Ipay Ciardelli Fuel	\$418.39		Utiltiy Propane Fill
06/20/2025	FairPoint Communications	\$76.33		Utility Alarm Panel
06/18/2025	Ck Check #890121 Mack Bros.	\$90.00		Contract Services
06/18/2025	Deposit		\$726.00	Income
06/16/2025	Check #5502 Gina Colrio	\$200.00		Pastor
06/16/2025	Check #5503 Gina Colorio	\$85.76		Pastor Mileage
06/16/2025	Check #5504 Pat McCloud	\$200.00		Pastor
06/11/2025	Aubuchons	\$496.10		Maintenace Supplies- Demudifier
06/11/2025	AmeriGas	\$246.53		Utility
06/11/2025	FairPoint Communications	\$77.00		Utility Alarm Panel
06/11/2025	Ipay Visa Mastercard	\$2.16		Finance Charge
06/11/2025	Deposit		\$1,575.00	Income
06/06/2025	Ck Check #890120 Lawrence Bros.	\$276.86		Contracted Services
06/06/2025	Deposit		\$3,000.00	Income
06/04/2025	Check #5467 Joel Gomarlo	\$731.10		Payroll
06/04/2025	Check #5469 Pat Johnson	\$546.41		Payroll
06/04/2025	Deposit		\$133.00	Income
06/03/2025	Check #5468 Felicia Howard	\$731.10		Payroll
06/02/2025	Eversource	\$329.13		Utility
06/02/2025	Ipay Visa Mastercard	\$99.00		Office 365 Software
06/02/2025	Eversource	\$60.39		Utility Parking Lot Light
06/02/2025	Check #5501 Pat McCloud	\$200.00		Pastor
06/01/2025	Interest Paid		\$0.07	Interest Income
		\$6,059.73	\$6,222.64	

Pledges	\$110.00	\$1,025.00	\$706.00	\$275.00	\$150.00	\$2,266.00
Plate	\$23.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$21.00	\$109.00
Initial Offering						
Bean Supper		\$530.00				\$530.00
Invested Funds						
Methodist						
UUA						
Special Offering						
Easter						
Thanksgiving						
Christmas Eve						
Misc. Gift						
Rentals					\$100.00	
SVDP-Electricity					\$217.49	
Holiday Bazaar						
Sock Mission						
Quilt Raffle Fundraiser						
SPRING TEA EVENT						
Total General Account	\$133.00	\$1,575.00	\$726.00	\$300.00	\$488.49	\$3,222.49
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Advanced Pledges						
OCWM						
Memorial						
Elevator Fund						
Organ Fund						
Capital Campaign						
Monthly Mission:						
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		\$ 20.00				\$20.00
One Hundred Nights						
David's House						
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$33.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	\$61.00
Feeding Tiny Tummies						
Habitat for Humanity						
Church World Service Blankets						
Total Special Account	\$33.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 81.00