The Winchester Weekly Window Week of March 30, 2025 Through April 06, 2025



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THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Sunday 03/30/25 Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:00am - 11:00am Worship (S) (Worship Leader, Kevan Whippie) 11:00am - Fellowship Time (FH) Monday 03/31/25 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Mtg (FH) Tuesday 04/01/25 5:00pm - 8:00pm Administrative Assistant IN Office 8:00pm - 9:00pm 12 Step Group (FH) Wednesday 04/02/25 5:00pm - 8:00pm Administrative Assistant IN Office 6:00pm - 7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry (FH) Thursday 04/03/25 5:00pm - 8:00pm Administrative Assistant IN Office Friday 04/04/25 Saturday 04/05/25 5:00pm - 6:30pm Bean Supper (FH) Sunday 04/06/25 Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00am - 11:00am Worship (S) (Worship Leader, Mitty Johnson) 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.

Spring Tea is approaching! The tea party committee is busy trying to corral the final details for the Spring Tea. Currently we are trying to get an exact count of the china we have available. This is particularly important this year, as we are expanding our seating for the tea. If you have china to loan, please contact Suzanne O'Donnell (860-324-7286). We are looking for tea cups and saucers, dessert plates, sugar and creamer sets, and small bowls for jam and Devonshire cream. We will hand wash and return your precious items directly after the tea. Thank you!

In Addition: TICKET SALES ARE ONGOING! IT'S NOT TO LATE TO GET YOURS. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 603-239-4465 TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET FOR THE 12:00 OR 2:30 SEATING.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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, those suffering from the ravages of war, those displaced by natural disasters.



Winter Foods for the Give and Take Blessing Nook: As the weather cools in the evening, hungry people need heartier foods. Canned pastas, hearty soups, and baked beans or chili beans are needed. We have a steady need for canned meats and fish, peanut butter, cereal, and canned fruit. Please, **no** vegetables, plain beans, or rice. We have an abundance of these right now due to some generous donations. As always, thank you to all who donate in these lean times. It makes a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.

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. If you or someone you know has need of urgent and/or confidential prayer, you can call anyone on the list below to activate our prayer chain. We will gladly pray for your concern for one week, and longer if you request it. For long-term situations or when you would like the whole church to pray, please contact the church office to have your concern put on the prayer list in the Weekly Window. You may use both the Prayer Chain and the church list if your situation needs prayer immediately and you would also like everyone to pray. Please feel free to contact any of the following and your concern will be passed through the chain:

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

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 (new phone number 603-242-5597) 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.

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 <u>unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com</u> or contact Danielle at 603.908.629 or <u>dmeleski@winchester.nh.gov</u>

THE CHURCH HAS A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE FORWARD ALL E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com

WORSHIP SCHEDULE		WORSHIP LEADERS		
March 30		Kevan Whippie		
April 6		Mitty Johnson		
April 11	(OT)	Mitty Johnson		
April 13		Rev. Pat McLoud		
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)		Rev. Pat McLoud		
April 20 (Easter)		Rev. Pat McLoud		
April 25	(OT)	Mitty Johnson		
April 27		Rev. Rosalie Sainsbury		
May 4		Rev. Pat McLoud		
May 9	(OT)			
May 11		Rev. Pat McLoud		
May 18		Gaelle McLoud		





EASTER MEMORIALS

You are invited to participate in beautifying our Sanctuary Easter Sunday with an Easter Lily or plant of your choice in memory or honor of a loved one.

Again this year we are asking you to purchase/order your own plant from a merchant of your choice, put your name on it and have it at the church Saturday morning, <u>APRIL 19TH</u> between <u>10am and 11am</u>. Plants may be picked up after the Easter Sunday Service. <u>BUT</u> please fill out this form or pick up a form from the literature table in the entryway, and get it to Pat Johnson via phone: 603-239-4467; e-mail: unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com or drop off at the office Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday between the hours of 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Forms need to be received no later than <u>APRIL 16TH</u>, in order for it to be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank you.

Given by_____

In Memory of_____

In Celebration of ______

Thank you



TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 2025

XXXXXX7012 XXXXXX7012	1/31/2025 1/31/2025		AmeriGas Ipay Eversource	\$ \$	236.55 104.04		Utilities Utilities
XXXXXX7012	1/31/2025		Capital One Credit Card Aubuchon	\$	31.98		Maintenance
XXXXXX7012	1/31/2025	890097	Ck Check #890097 Market Basket	\$	227.88		Bean Supper
XXXXXX7012	1/31/2025	5294	Check #5294 Joel Gomarlo	\$	731.10		Payroll
XXXXXX7012 XXXXXX7012 XXXXXX7012	1/30/2025 1/30/2025 1/29/2025	5295	Check #5295 Felicia Howard Dist Amt Uua Uucef Ipay Eversource	\$ \$	731.10 263.59	\$ 2,181.58	Payroll Income Utility
XXXXXX7012 XXXXXX7012	1/28/2025 1/28/2025	5298	Check #5298 Pat Mcloud Deposit	\$	200.00	\$ 619.49	Pastor Income
XXXXXX7012 XXXXXX7012	1/28/2025 1/27/2025		Transfer to Conf Freezer Funds AmeriGas	\$	106.21	\$ 850.00	Transfer Utilities
XXXXXX7012	1/23/2025	5293	Check #5293 Pat Mcloud	\$	200.00		Pastor
XXXXXX7012	1/23/2025	5290	Check #5290 Pat Mcloud	\$	200.00		Pastor
XXXXXX7012	1/22/2025	890096	Ck Check #890096 McMillan	\$	13,914.12		Contracted Services
XXXXXX7012 XXXXXX7012	1/22/2025 1/22/2025	890095	Ck Check #890095 Insurance Board Deposit	\$	2,073.75	\$ 338.00	Insurance Income
XXXXXX7012	1/21/2025	890093	Ck Check #890093 Kitchen Klean	\$	420.00		Contracted Services
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XXXXXX7012	1/9/2025		FairPoint Communications	\$	217.91		Utilities
XXXXXX7012 XXXXXX7012	1/9/2025 1/9/2025		FairPoint Communications Ipay Eversource	\$ \$	161.25 106.79		Utilities Utilities
XXXXXX7012	1/7/2025	5289	Check #5289 Pat Johnson	\$	302.49		Reimbursement for Office
XXXXXX7012 XXXXXX7012	1/7/2025 1/6/2025	5288	Check #5288 Pat Mcloud Deposit	\$	200.00	\$ 1,856.00	Pastor Income
XXXXXX7012	1/3/2025		Webpayment Hylantgroupinc	\$	271.77		Workers Comp
XXXXXX7012	1/2/2025	5286	Check #5286 Joel Gomarlo	\$	730.11		_Payroll
				\$ 2	21,973.48	\$ 21,303.07	

Treasurer's Notes:

Changed insurance company from Central to Insurance Board for a quarterly savings of \$275.50, \$1100 annually. Workers Comp company changed from Central to Hylant but rate remains the same. The \$13,914.12 was money from the Trust account to General to pay McMillan for the steeple repairs.

Pat Johnson did not accept a paycheck the month of January.

Leadership meetings are open to everyone. Feel free to join us with questions.