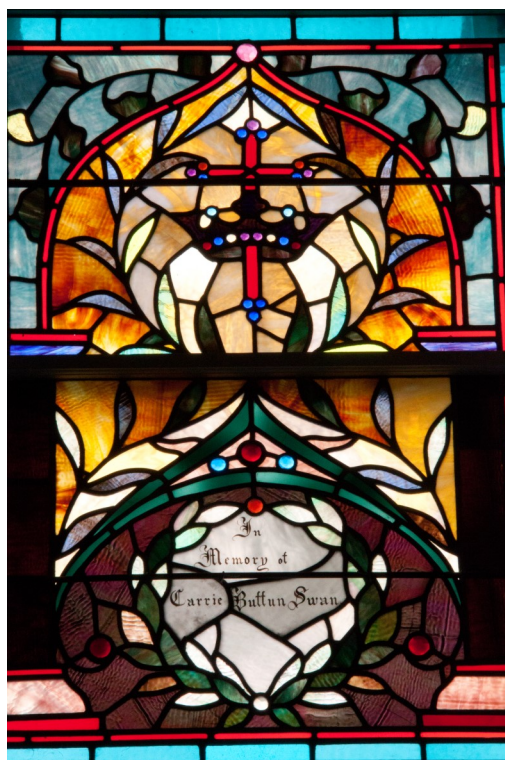


The Winchester Weekly Window
Week of
February 23, 2025
Through
March 02, 2025



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THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Sunday 02/23/25 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:00am - 11:00am Worship (S) (Mitty Johnson)

11:00am - Fellowship Time (FH)

Monday 02/24/25

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

Tuesday 02/25/25

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

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

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

Wednesday 02/26/25

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

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

Thursday 02/27/25

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

Friday 02/28/25

Saturday 03/01/25

5:00pm - 6:30pm Bean Supper (FH)

Sunday 03/02/25 Transfiguration Sunday

10:00am - 11:00am Worship/ Communion (S) (Pat McLoud)

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.

Prayer Chain Reorganization: In addition to our church’s weekly prayer list, we have a prayer chain that can be activated for urgent situations or situations requiring absolute confidentiality. From time to time it has to be reorganized and updated to keep it running efficiently. If you would like to volunteer for the prayer chain **or** if you are a current member who would like to continue on the chain, please contact Mitty Johnson and include your preferred method of contact (phone, text, email, no calls during certain hours, etc.) The goal is to have the reorganization complete and the new list of contacts published in the Weekly Window. In the meantime, you may still request prayers through the chain as currently published.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Family & friends of Patricia "Eileen" Burnor, Jennifer Wheeling and family, Theresa Hallett, Family & friends of Mary E. Johnson, Baby Charlotte, Nola Poole, Stacy Corliss, Ruth Anderson, Gaelle McLoud, Karla Bruno, Samantha, Larry VanCor, Donnie Prentice, Bob Conner, Aloe Ryder Collins, Jessica Shea, Laura, Paula Dewey's sister Patricia, Memory Matuvhunya, Sibusisiwe Gapara, the people of Zimbabwe and our partner church in Zimbabwe, those suffering from the ravages of war, those displaced by natural disasters.



02/08 - Pamela Bigelow LaPorte
02/08 - Roz Humes
02/18 - John Struthers-Howe
02/19 - Phil Samsel
02/21 - Lauren Reese
02/22 - Sara Johnson
02/25 - Paul Morehouse, Jr.

None for February

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	Penny Vaine	Rosalie Whittle
Jackie Taylor	Mim Johnson	Thelma Gomarlo
Felicia Howard-Olmstead	Mary L. Johnson	Marion Baldvins
Sandy Williams	Nicole Eddy	Lauren Reese
Kevan Whippie		

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

Spring Tea is scheduled: The Spring Tea fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 12 this year, so mark your calendar now. The Tea Team consists of Suzanne O'Donnell, Mim Johnson, Kathy Morehouse, Mitty Johnson, and Paula Dewey. While this is the organizing team, we need all hands on deck to make this the huge success that it was last year. If you can donate or solicit raffle items (please, no alcohol in accordance with church policy), bake, make sandwiches, wash dishes, set up, clean up, sell tickets, or help with publicity, please contact Suzanne O'Donnell (860-324-7286) or Mitty Johnson (774-230-2526). We'll be getting started in earnest at the beginning of February, so hop on board!

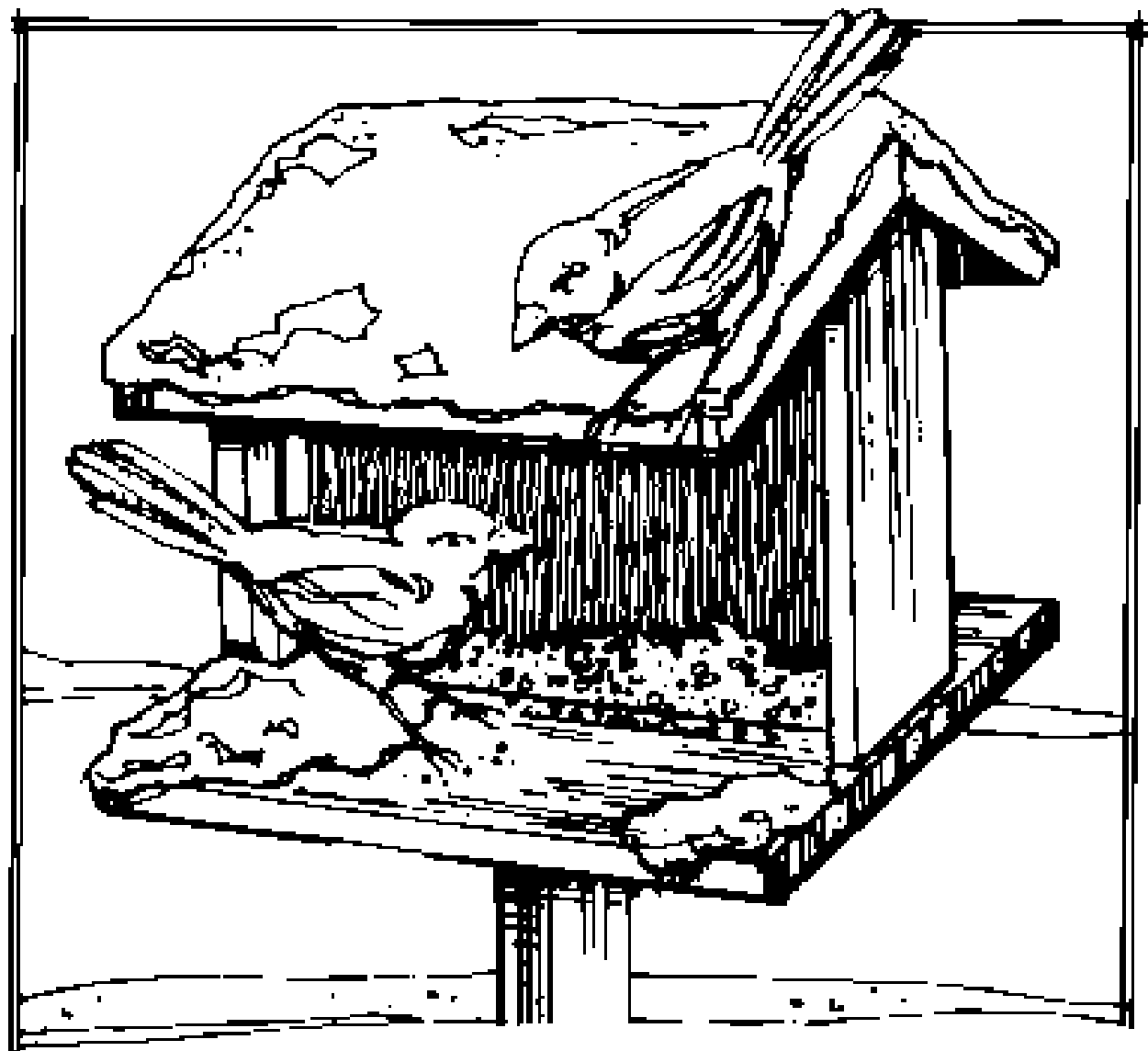
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

02/23/25	Mitty Johnson
02/28/25	Mitty Johnson (Open Table)
03/02/25	Rev. Patrick McLoud

THE CHURCH WILL HAVE A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS **AFTER**
MARCH 7, 2025.

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

unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com



Mary Elizabeth (Frost) Johnson, 97, a lifelong resident of Winchester, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at her home of over 74 years. She was surrounded by the love of her family.

She was born the eldest daughter of Madelene (Handy) and Forest Appleton Frost on October 29, 1927, in Winchester. She was educated locally and graduated (saludatorian) from Thayer High School class of 1945.

On August 26, 1950, Mary exchanged vows with the love of her life, Stephen Prentice Johnson. They were married in The Center Church, (the “brick” church in the center of Winchester) and were happily married for over 63 years. Stephen passed away on February 5, 2014, 11 years and 4 days before Mary.

Music was her life and everything centered around it. Mary was fortunate to have been blessed with perfect pitch. She graduated from Boston University with a degree in Music Education, honing her skills in piano, organ and cello. She then taught at a Laconia, NH school for a year. She was the Music Director at The Federated Church of Winchester, now The United Church of Winchester, for many (45+) years. playing the organ, leading the Senior and Youth choirs, and directing other musical groups. She had sung in the Keene Chorale and participated in many area music opportunities, including the Keene and Brattleboro American Legion Bands.

One of her fondest memories is, as a young adult home from college for the summer, along with her sisters, hosting a live radio broadcast of music on Sunday mornings. It was 15 minutes on a Keene station (WKNE) and was a very joyous and wonderful experience for them!

Mary enjoyed her time working for the town of Winchester in many capacities. Starting as Deputy Tax Collector for 15 years, then 14 years as the Tax Collector and as Supervisor of the Check List; she served the town for over 60 years!

Along with working, Mary loved being a member of many different organizations. She was involved in the Kings Daughter’s and Son’s, the Winchester Women’s Club, Winchester Community band, and the Keene Community Orchestra. She was also a proud member of the United Church of Winchester and had served as their treasurer for many years. She will be fondly remembered by many patrons for serving them at the church monthly Bean Suppers.

In retirement, she volunteered numerous hours as accompanist for the school music program, helped with the marching band at Memorial Day parades, and playing piano for the residents at Applewood once to twice a week. Mary was also an avid handbell ringer with many groups. She also knitted many hats and mittens for anyone who needed them. An amazing seamstress, she was always making something! She also tatted and crocheted. Jigsaw puzzles were a passion and she had hundreds of them!

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her daughters, Martha Johnson of Spain, Miriam Johnson of Winchester, and Elizabeth Johnson of Hillsborough. She is also survived by her 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and her great great grandson, a Sister in law, and a Brother in Law. Mary had a large family that also included step grandchildren and step great grandchildren, neices, nephews, many extended family, and so many dear friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and her two sisters, Ruth Fairburn and Caroline Polk; her sister in law, Margaret, two Sons in Law and Grace Jane, a great granddaughter.

In keeping with Mary’s wishes, a celebration of life service will be held at The United Church of Winchester on March 22, 2025 at 4 pm. Refreshments and time as “family and friends” will follow, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The United Church of Winchester, 99 Main Street, Winchester, NH 03470. All services are under the care of Cheshire Family Funeral Home, Chapel, and Crematories. [www.cheshirefamilyfh.com](<http://www.cheshirefamilyfh.com/>).