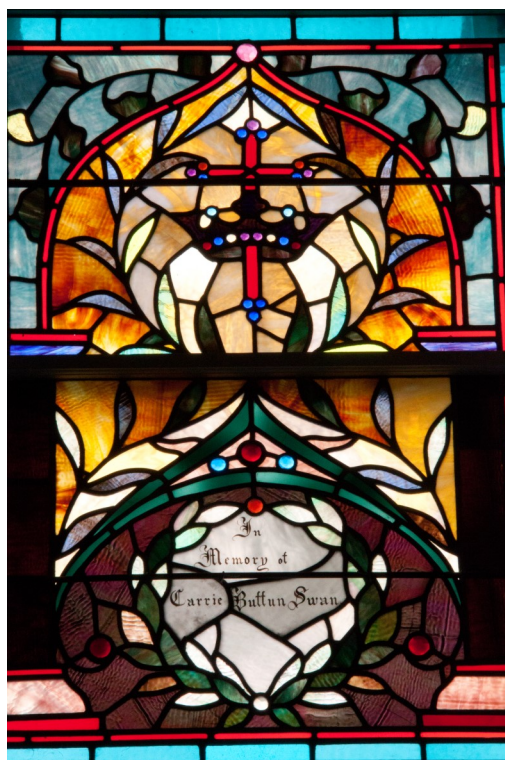


The Winchester Weekly Window
Week of
January 05, 2025
Through
January 12, 2025



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THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Sunday 01/05/25 Second Sunday after Christmas

11:00am - 12:00am Worship (S) (The Rev. Jon Heydenreich) (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**)

Monday 01/06/25 Epiphany

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

Tuesday 01/07/25

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

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

Wednesday 01/08/25

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

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

Thursday 01/09/25

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

Friday 01/10/25

6:00pm - 7:15pm Open Table (FH)

Saturday 01/11/25

Sunday 01/12/25 First Sunday after Epiphany

1100am - 12:00am Worship (S) (The Rev. Jon Heydenreich) (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**)

12:00pm - BUDGET HEARING (S)



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:

Jennifer Wheeling and family, Theresa Hallett and family, Dan Horan, Baby Charlotte, Nola Poole, Stacy Corliss, Ruth Anderson, Mary E. Johnson, 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.



01/01 - Bethany Bechard
01/01 - Mason Howard
01/05 - Emilia Fitzherbert
01/09 - Miriam Johnson
01/09 - Kaylyn Roy
01/12 - Rebecca Bigelow Gulliver
01/16 - Charlene Williams
01/18 - Harold Bigelow, III
01/18 - Dayna Olmstead
01/20 - Rene Brewer-Durkee
01/21 - Patrick McLoud
01/21 - Annie Salonen Donahue
01/23 - Jesse Hubbard
01/27 - Reiss Borges
01/28 - Marion Baldvins



None for January

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.

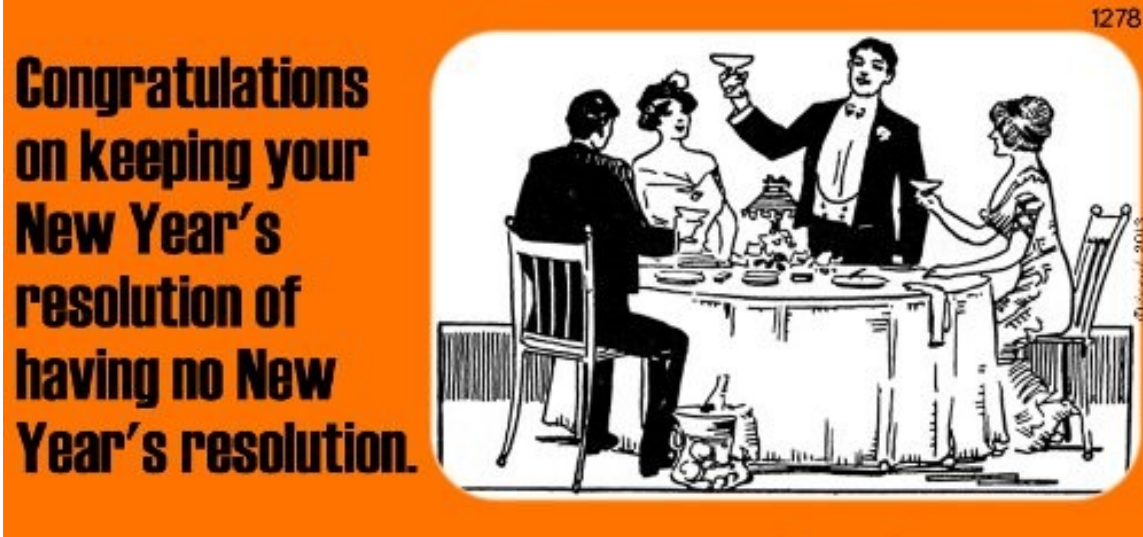
To ask the whole church to pray and to lift up your concern during worship you can call or email the church office or Outreach Team leader Mitty Johnson. You may do this in addition to having your concern on the prayer chain, if you wish.

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



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

01/05/25	The Rev. Jon Heydenreich
01/10/25	Mitty Johnson (Open Table)
01/12/25	The Rev. Jon Heydenreich
01/19/25	The Rev. Jon Heydenreich
01/24/25	Mitty Johnson (Open Table)
01/26/25	The Rev. Patrick McLoud

DATES TO REMEMBER

12:00pm January 12th - Budget Hearing (immediately following worship)

5:00pm January 15th - Last day to submit Annual Reports

12:00pm January 19th - Annual Meeting (immediately following worship)

Service Time Change in January: As it seems probable that we will have to share a pastor with another congregation, the Search Team recommended that we experiment with a different service time. We held an informal meeting about this after worship in November and took a straw poll. There was enough cautious willingness to experiment with this that we will try out worshipping at **11:00 AM** during the month of January. **This is only an experiment!** At the annual meeting on January 19, we will have a chance to discuss whether this works for us as a congregation and take a vote on the matter.



Nominations for Leadership Team: At the all-church Annual Meeting in January, we will be electing a new Leadership Team. Now is the time to prayerfully consider where you can best make a contribution of time and talent to our church in the coming year. Since we have had some questions about the Leadership Team from new church members, it's a good time to remind people that while the elected officers and team leaders are the voting members of the Leadership Team, any church member may attend Leadership Team meetings and contribute ideas and opinions. The more, the merrier. The only closed meetings are those dealing with personnel issues that must be kept confidential.

The current slate looks like this:

Moderator: ?

Assistant Moderator: ?

Clerk: *Jim Tetreault*

Treasurer Pro-Tem: *Danielle Meleski*

Assistant Treasurer: ?

Trustees of Trust Funds: *Jim Tetreault, ?*

Collector: *Pat Johnson*

Assistant Collector: *Mitty Johnson*

Team Leader for Outreach: *Gaelle McLoud*

Team Leader for Property: *Michael Haman*

Team Leader for Stewardship: ?

Notice of 2025 Budget Meeting

The members of The United Church of Winchester are hereby notified of an all-church meeting to take place on Sunday, January 12, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

To review the proposed church budget for 2025 and vote on any proposed modifications.

To vote to place the proposed 2025 budget on the Annual Meeting warrant for 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitty Johnson, Moderator



ANNUAL REPORTS:

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19th following the 11:00am worship service. That being said, **ALL** annual reports need to be received in the office **no later than Wednesday, January 15th. There will be no exceptions, or extensions.** So **PLEASE**, start working on those reports now and get them to the office, **don't wait until the due date to submit them.** Thanks

Reports may be e-mailed to: unitedchurchofwincheser@myfairpoint.net, mailed to United Church of Winchester, 99 Main Street, Winchester, NH 03470 or hand delivered during normal business hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 5:00pm and 8:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Notice of 2025 Annual Meeting

The members of The United Church of Winchester are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 19, 2025 immediately after the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- 1) To elect the officers and team leaders for 2025.
- 2) To memorialize those members and friends who passed away during 2024.
- 3) To vote to accept the reports of the officers and teams.
- 4) To vote the church budget for 2025.
- 5) To discuss the possibility of applying for NH gambling proceeds to support the church budget.
- 6) To transact any other business which may come before the meeting.