

*The Winchester Weekly Window*  
*Week of*  
*May 18, 2025*  
*Through*  
*May 25, 2025*



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**THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday 05/18/25 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10:00am - 11:00am Worship (S) (Kevan Whippie, Worship Leader)

11:00am - Fellowship Time (FH)

**Monday 05/19/25**

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

**Tuesday 05/20/25**

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

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

**Wednesday 05/21/25**

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

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

**Thursday 05/22/25**

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

**Friday 05/23/25**

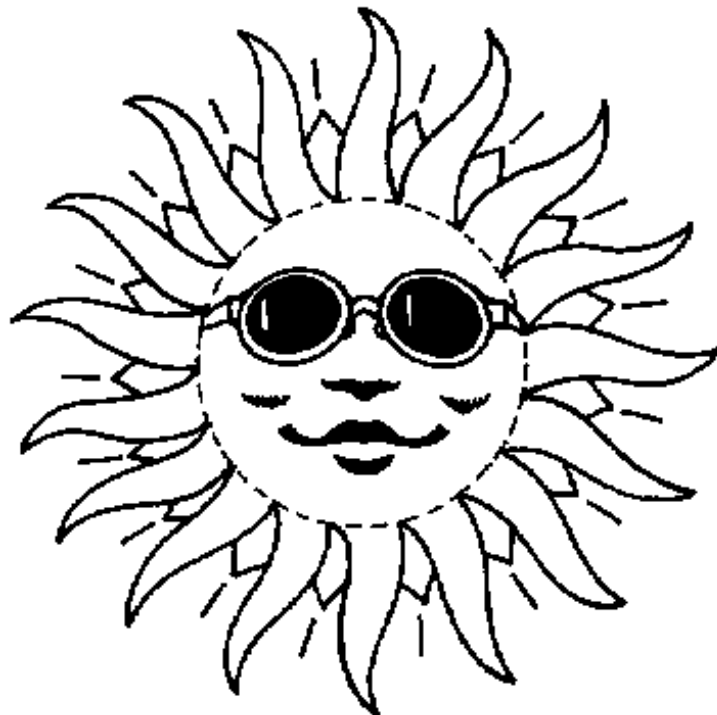
**Saturday 05/24/25**

**Sunday 05/25/25 Sixth 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.



**Please keep the following people in your prayers:** Gary Rokes, 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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

**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](mailto:unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com) or contact Danielle at 603.903.8629 or [dmeleski@winchester.nh.gov](mailto:dmeleski@winchester.nh.gov)

### ***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](mailto:unitedchurchofwinchesteroffice@gmail.com) We will keep the wish list running and knock items off one at a time.*

		<u>Expense</u>	<u>Income</u>	
04/30/2025	Interest Paid		\$ 0.06	Interest Income
04/30/2025 890116	Ck Check #890116 RICOH	\$ 279.66		Old Copier Debt
04/30/2025 890114	Ck Check #890114 Stanley	\$ 230.00		Contracted Services
04/30/2025	Deposit		\$ 250.00	Income
04/30/2025	Telephone Transfer		\$ 7.00	Bank Error-Needs to go back into Special
04/29/2025 890113	Ck Check #890113 State of NH	\$ 50.00		Contracted Services
04/25/2025	Granite State Management & Resources	\$ 1,521.50		Granite State Glass
04/25/2025	FairPoint Communications/Fidium	\$ 69.50		Office Phone Interent
04/24/2025 890111	Ck Check #890111 Stanley	\$ 608.00		Contracted Services
04/24/2025	Transfer to Conf Deposit for Quote		\$ 1,521.50	Transfer from Special for Contract with GSG
04/23/2025	lpay Eversource	\$ 423.95		Utilities
04/23/2025	AmeriGas	\$ 390.74		Utilities
04/23/2025	Capital One Credit Card Aubuchons	\$ 125.91		Maintenance Supplies
04/23/2025	Deposit		\$ 705.34	Income
04/22/2025	FairPoint Communications/Alarm Panel Line	\$ 77.51		Utilities
04/22/2025	lpay Eversource Parking Lot Light	\$ 63.42		Utilities
04/22/2025 890112	Ck Check #890112 Market Basket	\$ 343.84		Bean Supper
04/22/2025 5456	Check #5456 Pat McLoud	\$ 400.00		Pastor
04/21/2025 890110	Ck Check #890110 Market Basket	\$ 358.51		Bean Supper
04/17/2025	lpay the Monadnock Shopper	\$ 166.50		Spring Tea
04/16/2025 890109	Ck Check #890109 Insurance Board	\$ 2,073.75		Insurance
04/16/2025	Deposit		\$ 675.00	Income
04/15/2025	Deposit		\$ 1,539.00	Income
04/14/2025 5455	Check #5455 Pat McLoud	\$ 200.00		Pastor
04/11/2025 5454	Check #5454 Paula Dewey	\$ 166.67		Spring Tea
04/11/2025	Umfne United Methodist		\$ 354.53	Income
04/09/2025 890108	Ck Check #890108 Market Basket	\$ 373.18		Bean Supper
04/07/2025 5452	Check #5452 Felicia Howard	\$ 731.10		Organist
04/07/2025	Deposit		\$ 1,737.00	Income
04/04/2025 890107	Ck Check #890107 Stanley	\$ 304.00		Contracted Services
04/04/2025 890106	Ck Check #890106 Stanley	\$ 304.00		Contracted Services
04/03/2025	Webpayment Hylantgroupinc	\$ 271.77		Workers Comp
04/02/2025 5451	Check #5451 Joel Gomarlo	\$ 731.09		Payroll
04/02/2025 5453	Check #5453 Pat Johnson	\$ 546.40		Payroll
		\$ 10,811.00	\$ 6,789.43	

**Treasurer's Notes:**

The Stanley contract was due to increase another 6.5% beginning April 2025. The original and last contract signed was dated 2013 for \$180 p/m. In 2023 the payments were \$285 and then in 2024 were \$304. In March, Stanley Elevator invoiced the TUCW the usual \$304 monthly payment and another \$230 for an annual NHDOL inspection (\$50) which they say required Amer Electric to be on site for another \$240 (that check did not clear the account in April). **Total elevator cost for March \$824.00.** For an elevator with such limited use that's far too high. Leadership put the contract out to bid. At the April meeting voted to accept a contract with another vendor, Mack Elevators, for \$180 p/m. Upon acceptance of that contract **Mack** counter offered with a quarterly maintenance schedule for just **\$90p/m.**

The March **AmeriGas** bill was the highest I've seen since my time as Treasurer, 73.1 gallons @ \$4.99=**\$364.76** which includes a HAZMAT fee of \$14.98, a paper bill fee of \$2.99 and fuel recovery \$7.98. With no specific incident to report, it is assumed that one of the groups using the ovens/stove might have left the gas on and wasted some fuel. If you are a part of a group that uses the kitchen for a meeting or an event, please take caution when leaving the building.

The storm windows that protect the stain glass suffered some damage through the course of the winter. At the least leadership meeting the team voted to approve the lowest bidder for the storm window project. This project includes replacement of the one window that has fallen out and inspection of the rest. **Granite State Glass** contract is **\$3043.00** and required a 50% deposit. It is assumed that the inspection of the rest of the windows will result in additional charges. The team voted to use the anonymous donation collected in 2023 for a garbage disposal/sink reconfiguration project that was determined to be unnecessary and potentially another long term expense that the church cannot afford.

The Spring Tea and the Bean Supper income helped us to get caught up in some old unpaid expenses associated with Stanley Elevator, the 2024 snow plow season, Market Basket and RICOH (Wells Fargo, old copy machine account). The RICOH account is not paid in full but we have made a good faith attempt in paying our debt. The treasurer overpaid the Market Basket account by \$358.10 :( That overpayment will pay the April & May Bean Supper charge and whatever is left will be forwarded to the June expense. The treasurers reporting will not include Market Basket charges until that credit is redeemed. Thank you to all who make those events happen! As of May 9, 2025 the total profit for the **2025 Spring Tea event is \$3180.83.**

**As of May 9, 2025 TUCW has accepted \$5578.00 in pledges to support the general fund. January's total was \$2717.00, February \$1540.00, March \$1770.00, April \$1513.00 and week 1 of May we collected \$125.00.**

**Annual payroll is \$26,099.88 including payroll taxes. We pay our Sexton \$791.66(\$18.27 p/h), Organist \$791.66 (\$18.27 p/h) and Administrative Assistant \$591.67(\$15.18 p/h) each month. To support just our payroll ,we need to collect \$543.75 per week in pledges.**

**Expenses Since January 1**

**Utilities: \$1273.95**

**Building Maintech/Contracted Services: \$4223.33 with \$1521.50 coming from Special Funds**

**Office Expenses: \$1645.24**

**Property Insurance : \$4147.50 plus Workers Comp \$543.54**