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*Submissions & calendar events
due by the 20th each month.*

REMINDER: During the
pandemic, while the church is
not holding in person activities,
office hours may be different
than listed. Please call ahead.

Welcome New Members!



Meet Jordan Prouty! A former Army veteran who served our country is one of our most recent members. Jordan has retired from 25 years of service to the Town of Moultonborough as Trustee of the Trust Fund.

Meet Patty McQuone! Patty and her husband Neal moved here to Moultonborough about 1 1/2 years ago from Fairfield, Ct. They raised two children, Maggie who lives in Dallas and Myles who just moved to Boston. They sold their business and their home and headed north. Not one regret!

Patty enjoys taking little trips and exploring all that NH has to offer. She likes baking, gardening, being crafty, creative, decorating and throwing a great party! "I am truly blessed."



**Welcome to our Center Harbor Congregational
Church family Jordan and Patty!**

Why Do We Come to Church?

I have loved church all my life. From as far back as I can remember, church has been the home of my heart. When I was really little, I went with my grandmother to her Baptist church, where I learned Bible stories and songs and not to kick the pew in front of me. When I was elementary age and older, I went to a Presbyterian church with my mother. I learned more about the Bible, and I sang a whole different set of hymns. From the time I was in middle school, I sang in the choir. I felt at home in that church, too, but in a different way. As an adult, I found my community in church and opportunities for service, too. But it was more than a place for me to be involved. I have always entered the sanctuary expecting to hear God's word for my life somewhere in the service. I can still remember some sermons I have heard over the years, and I remember that sense of recognition that I have had so many times when a phrase in a prayer or some line in a hymn spoke deeply to me, in a way that only God could have intended. When did you begin to come to church? What parts of our church life are especially resonant for you? What do you find here? Why is it that we come to church?

One reason is **because it is just what we do on Sunday morning**. It is the way we live our lives. It is more than a habit. Rather, it is a way of being that has become part of our identity. Dave said to someone recently, "We are church people." He's right. Another reason we come to church is **to hear the word of God spoken for our lives**. I don't just mean in sermons. I mean the prayer or the song or a comment over coffee that is just what we needed to hear that day. This leads me to the most important reason that I think we all want to come together on Sunday morning: **to experience the love of God in the love of the people in this church**. This is more than the affection for one another that we could find in any civic organization or charitable project. This is the love of God, expressed through the love of the people of God. We find that in our church, and when we are apart from one another, we can start to feel unloved – even unloved by God.

In times like these, how do we maintain our sense of identity as church-going people? How can we regularly hear the word of God spoken for our lives? And how can we experience God's love through the love we share with one another, even when coming to church in the usual way is not available to us?

I have some answers to those questions, and a suggestion, and they all require us to be intentional. The deacons and I are working hard to create worship experiences that all of us can take part in, one way or another. We can build new habits of worshiping outdoors, or setting aside time on Sunday morning to watch the service online, or finding a quiet moment to read through the mailed worship materials. I hope that somewhere in there you will still hear the word of God for your life. God's grace is sufficient to overcome our limitations in this. Listen for God's word in worship (outdoors, online, or in print), and God will whisper to your heart. And then, to experience the love of God in the love of the people of this church, we must find a way to share our love lavishly with one another, even now. So, this would be a good time to develop your own greeting card ministry. Who is on your mind today? Send that person a personal note, or make a phone call. I imagine many of you (like me) started out this spring reaching out to loved ones and friends regularly, but over time those calls and cards got further and further apart as the pandemic has stretched on and on. But it is up to us to make the intentional effort to keep our congregation connected, especially when it is difficult to do that. So, reach out to one another this week, and again next week, and again the week after that, until we can all one day be together again in safety. We are the Body of Christ, whether we are together or apart, and the love of God is present whenever we reach out to one another.

Pastor Cathy

Outdoor Worship

We continue to gather together for outdoor worship services on **Sundays at 9:00 am through September 6th and then 10:00 am thereafter, weather permitting.** The same rules apply as in previous weeks so that you will know what to expect as we meet as a congregation

- Gather near the peace pole
- Pre-recorded service option available
- Bulletin/guide mailed to those without internet
- Hard, plastic, sanitized chairs will be set up at least 6 feet apart.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Music, no singing
- Offering basket
- Remember your mask, though some will be available should you forget yours. Consider bringing a hat and sunglasses.
- Encouraged to bring a flower from your garden for our traditional summer bouquet
- Emphasize safety and comfort level are paramount and we understand if you decide the best place to be is at home. Also, if you are not feeling well, home is where you need to be.
- Looking forward to seeing you----whenever that may be
- We are always together in each other's prayers.



Worship Helpers Needed!

Please contact Norman Larson or Ann Koniszewski if you would be willing to serve as a liturgist at an outdoor service in September or early October.

Thank you!



New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ



July 23, 2020

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Dear church members,

Thank you so much for your support as a donor to the Horton Center Annual Fund!

This is to acknowledge, with our sincere gratitude, your contribution of \$600.00, (ck#2972, dated June 25, 2020), in exchange for which you received no goods or services.

I am happy to share with you the very good news that Horton Center is alive and well and operating even as I write this – albeit a little different!

It was a difficult decision to close in-person camp on Pine Mountain this summer. However, we have been able to do the next best thing, and invent HC@Home, a virtual camp program devised by Interim Director of Outdoor Ministries Tim Hughes and Summer Director Tivvi Pare. There are four weeks of virtual camp, a hybrid of in-person gathering via Zoom and pre-recorded songs, skits, and activities led by this year's Deans and Counselors.

As a Dean for the first two weeks of camp, and I can tell you from first-hand experience that HC@Home has worked very, very well. Each week, there are camp experiences for three different age groups. We have 'experienced' HC campers, as well as many of them experiencing Horton Center for the first time. They love the virtual hikes, virtual caving, and craft activities that have been designed for them, aided by a backpack full of goodies that was mailed to them before the start of their session.

We are doing crucial work. Not only are we offering a chance for these young people and their leaders to form a caring community, but we are also maintaining Horton Center in their hearts and minds, building the base for the hoped-for return to in-person camp next year. Because our costs are reduced, we have been able to offer HC@Home for free. We have been helped by several donors to fund specific items, like staff tee shirts, mailing packets, and more. We have been touched by several families donating the money which they would have spent on tuition. That said, our need for funds to break even for this year, and build a base for next year, is significant. You will be hearing from us soon as we launch this year's Annual Fund effort.

There is a sure knowledge that the work we are doing, with your help, is some of the most important ministry that the NH Conference offers. These young disciples are growing in wisdom and in strength (inner and outer) and in favor with God and their world. We are so grateful that you are helping make this happen.

Blessings,

Rev. Rob Grabill
Horton Center Dean



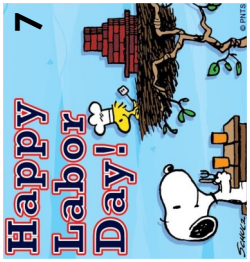
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Center Harbor Congregational Church, UCC **September 2020**

You may request the newsletter by e-mail.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:30 pm Ice Cream Social - Town Docks, Meredith	4	5
6 9:00 am Outdoor Worship with Communion (Bring your own communion elements)	7 	8 Village Preschool Begins 5:15 pm Trustees	9	10 Bible Study 9:00 am	11	12
13 10:00 am Outdoor Worship	14	15 4:30 pm Deacons (via Zoom)	16 Books n' Bites 3:30 p.m.@ the Peace Pole (weather permitting)	17 Bible Study 9:00 am	18	19
20 10:00 am Outdoor Worship	21	22	23	24 Bible Study 9:00 am	25	26
27 10:00 am Outdoor Worship	28	29	30		Questions? Call the secretary during Church Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm E-mail: chcucc@myfairpoint.net	This month's mission: "Focus on Africa" Boldface = Church-sponsored events

News from the Mission Board

September Mission of the Month FOCUS ON AFRICA

FOCUS ON AFRICA is our mission of the month for September.

The month of September will be devoted to support missions and activities in Africa.

We are also committed to continuing to support the 25:40 initiative founded by Pat Thomas' family. This organization provides food, shelter and education for children who have been orphaned because of AIDS. After a number of years, 25:40 has established a reputation for effective work in battling AIDS one life at a time... and is able to leverage support from other organizations to spread their outreach.

Supporting Mt. Selinda and the 25:40 program helps us light a small candle in the poverty in the southern section of Africa.

CHCC 2020 Missions

January	The Christmas Fund (UCC)
February	Mission Trust Fund
March	One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC)
April	New Beginnings
May	Blankets & Tools of Hope (Church World Service)
June	United Campus Ministry
July	Strengthen the Church (UCC)
August	Habitat for Humanity
September	Focus on Africa
October	Neighbors in Need (UCC)
November	Hunger
December	Alternative Christmas & Angel Tree

Missions Report July 2020

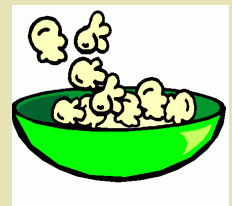
	JULY
OCWM	\$210.00
DEACON FUND	\$50.00
DEACON STORE TO DOOR	\$85.00
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH	\$25.00



FOOD OF THE MONTH



In September, the food of the month for the Lakes Region Food Pantry is **Healthy Snacks**. The food collection basket is in Gilpatric Hall, but feel free to bring your donation when you come to worship or if you visit the church for scheduled meetings, etc. If you wish to donate food in addition to the designated items your gift will be most gratefully received!



Books & Bites

Books and Bites will meet Wednesday September 16th, 2020 at Janet Gulezian's beach, time to be determined. Please **bring your own chair, any beverage AND your mask.** Jill Morton will be in touch with specifics about meeting time. Come and chat and enjoy good company discussing the latest book(s) you have read.



Welcome back to the Village Preschool!

The 2020-21 Village Preschool school year begins on Tuesday, September 8th with a full enrollment. The school year runs through May. Miss Laura and Miss Danielle have been busy preparing the classrooms and playground for new and returning students, incorporating the new guidelines issued in response to Covid-19.

The current days and hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 am to 11:45 am with the option of an extended day from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Wave "hi" if you come by on a school day!



Ready for the new school year!



Birthdays

09/02 David Crane
09/03 Nancy Turziano Stamnas
09/05 Bob Evans
09/05 Marcus Weeks
09/07 Patty McQuone
09/09 Evelyn Hicks
09/10 Su Mansur
09/12 Palmer Smith
09/13 Blanche Perkins
09/17 Jill Morton
09/22 Diane Crawford
09/25 Patte Morrow
09/29 Gail Miller
09/30 Honey Evans
09/30 Dick Harlow



Anniversaries

09/01 Laurie and William Burke
09/04 Dave and Lynne Sias
09/06 Joe and Marianne McGrail
09/22 Kevin and Patte Morrow
09/22 Tyler and Rose Manville

We apologize if we missed anyone. Please let us know if you want to be added to the list(s).

New Hampshire Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)



**Free, Healthy
Foods for Adults
60 years and older**

Call us at 1-800-942-4321



**Are you an adult 60 years
or older looking to stretch
your food budget?**

CSFP can help by providing healthy foods to supplement your food budget.

The value of the food you receive is approximately \$50.00 per month.

**Foods provided in your
box may include:**

- Milk—shelf stable/UHT
- Non-fat dry milk
- Peanut butter
- Rice and Pasta
- Breakfast cereal
- Cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned meat, poultry or fish
- 100% Ready to drink juice
- Canned or dry beans

**Community Action Program
Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.**
(serves Belknap, Coos, Grafton and Merrimack Counties)

Call 225-2050 or 800-578-2050

Reasons to Celebrate (just for fun!)

(or don't let the pandemic get you down)

It's been a long few months. There must be some good reasons to celebrate. Maybe there's a holiday (of sorts) coming up. Here's a few fun things to fill up your calendar in September:

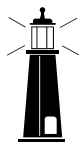
- **Sept. 1:** National Cherry Popover Day. ...
- **Sept. 2:** World Coconut Day. ...
- **Sept. 3:** Skyscraper Day. ...
- **Sept. 4:** Eat an Extra Dessert Day. ...
- **Sept. 5:** National Cheese Pizza Day. ...
- **Sept. 6:** National Coffee Ice Cream Day. ...
- **Sept. 7:** National Beer Lover's Day. ...
- **Sept 8:** International Literacy Day
- **Sept 9:** National Teddy Bear Day
- **Sept 10:** National Swap Ideas Day
- **Sept 11:** Make Your Bed Day
- **Sept 12:** National Chocolate Milkshake Day
- **Sept 13:** National Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day
- **Sept 14:** Eat a Hoagie Day
- **Sept 15:** National Double Cheeseburger Day
- **Sept 16:** National Guacamole Day
- **Sept 17:** National Monte Cristo Day
- **Sept 18:** Rice Krispies Treats Day
- **Sept 19:** International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- **Sept 20:** National Pepperoni Pizza Day
- **Sept 21:** International Day of Peace
- **Sept 22:** World Car Free Day
- **Sept 23:** National Great American Pot Pie Day
- **Sept 24:** National Punctuation Day
- **Sept 25:** National Cooking Day
- **Sept 26:** National Pancake Day
- **Sept 27:** Love Note Day
- **Sept 28:** National Neighbor Day
- **Sept 29:** National Coffee Day
- **Sept 30:** National Hot Mulled Cider Day



Ice Cream Social
September 2020 (Last of the Season!)

THURSDAY

03 Town Docks Meredith



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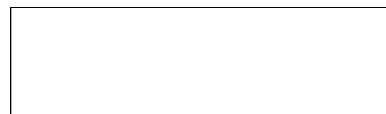
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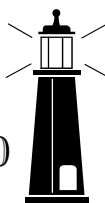
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We are a church whose members love and value each other. Our faith community is a force for caring and sharing God's love in local and wider communities. As members, we learn, grow and serve together to do God's work with faith, compassion and respect.

All are Welcome on Sundays

9:00 am Worship (through 9/6/20)
10:00 a.m. Worship (beginning 9/13/20)

*September comes, and Nature falls
silent. She has the work of harvest
to perform. You're on your own now
to map the sun, to touch a green leaf
turning yellow, to hold a golden moment
before it fades into winter light.*

-Daniel Brick



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