



The Brick Meetinghouse Newsletter

July-August 2017

First Congregational Church of Swanzey

United Church of Christ

Rev. Damon Anderson, Pastor

Cindy Sweeney, Editor

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

Brightness and Blooming to the People who are the First Congregational Church of Swanzey.

Summer is here. The days are long. The sun's heat and light are present. Gardens are growing. The earth is adorned in green. Take time to enjoy the season.

Please join the church for:

- Old Homeday Service – July 16 @ 10 am – Potash Bowl, Swanzey
- Kid's Club – Monday to Thursday, August 7-11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Service at Original Site – September 10 @ 10 am. (Rain date, Sept 17)

Be blessed.

Pastor Damon

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- ◆ **MONTHLY CALENDAR:** The calendar is often updated during any given month. A corrected version will be posted on the bulletin boards with any changes.
- ◆ **PRAYER REQUESTS:** To all those who need our prayers and support, please contact Pastor Damon to let him know your situation or have a friend or family member call the church. Because of privacy, sometimes we are not aware until you tell us.
- ◆ **DEACON COVERAGE FOR JULY:** Barb Sault
- ◆ **DEACON COVERAGE FOR AUGUST:** Joan Hagar
- ◆ **NEWSLETTER:** Please let me know if you would like to shift from a paper newsletter to one sent via email. It would mean a great savings on stamps, and the letter on line is in living color!
- ◆ **SUMMER KIDS' CLUB NEWS:** Summer Kids' Club will meet Monday through Thursday, August 7-10, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Many Surprises this year!
- ◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not meet until Sept. 17, however there will be activities available every Sunday for when you do come to church. Come see what's there for you!

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July / August Milestones

(Please note: If you are new to the church, or if we've missed you on our monthly milestones list, or even if you wish to have your name removed from the list, please contact me at: officeswanzucc@ne.rr.com or 352-6689. Thanks. Cindy Sweeney, Administrative Assistant.)

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

July 10, 2005 - Ken Colby and Liz Colby; August 3, 2008 - Bernard Rokes, Jane Rokes and Kerry Kelly.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

July, 2, 1960 - Howard and Phyllis Lane; July 1, 1967 - Jane and Ron Parent; July 20, 1968 - Jonathan and Martha Henry; July 27, 1969 - Deborah and Ward Sprague; July 29, 1984 - George & Linda Svok; July 9, 1988 - Gary & Pam Dunham; July 27, 1991 - Kathy and Steve Schnyer; July 11, 1998 - Claude and Justina Patrick; July 24, 2004 - Carolyn and Ernie Kirouac; August 12, 1978 - Mike and Pam O'Connor; August 11 - Sam & Ellen DeYoung; August 18 - Carol & Ron Roof.

BIRTHDAYS:

July 1 - Denise Hitchcock, Annalese Patrick; July 5 - Linda Lamothe, Joan Hagar; July 6 - Sandy Allen; July 7 - Carolyn Kirouac, Carl Thompson, Lily Page; July 8 - Deborah Sprague; July 9 - Ron Roof, Marge Border Anderson; July 10 - John Schnyer; July 15 - Meghan Priestley; July 20 - Pat Haselton; July 21 - Ron Parent; July 26 - John Avery, Kathy Schnyer; July 27 - Kristy Ricardi; July 28 - Kiara Kelley; July 31 - Peter Goodenough. August 1 - Alyssa Roof; August 4 - Pam O'Connor; August 6 - Katie Delaney, Liam Page; August 7 - Rachael Schnyer; August 8 - Carolyn Stone; August 9 - Penny Wilson; August 13 - Cindy Nikiforakis; August 15 - Torie Lechluder, Sophie Schnyer, Damon Anderson; August 16 - Craig Lougee; August 17 - Linda Svok; August 19 - Kate Ells; August 21 - Mark Corliss, Beth Thompson; August 28 - Jennifer Ricardi; August 31 - Rick Allen.

CALLING ALL COOKS/ MANAGERS!

Would you like to take charge of one of the 3rd Saturday Suppers? Gather a group of friends and you decide on the menu. There are many people to help with the work and details. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board on the way to Friendship Hall. Help us continue this important fund-raiser and friend-maker. More details? Ask a member of the Leadership Team.

MISSION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ We will not meet again until Sept. 17, however there will be activities available in the Narthex every Sunday for when you do come to church. Come see what's there for you!

EYE GLASSES ~ Eyeglasses are being collected in the Lounge. Help someone see.



ADULT POT LUCK LUNCHEONS

~ Wednesday, July 26, 2017 ~

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~ Wednesday, August 30, 2017 ~

11:45 ~ 1:30 p.m.

We gather for our Pot Luck Luncheon at 11:45, pray & eat at noon. For the luncheon, kindly provide a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Beverages are provided. We hope you will join us for a time of good food and fellowship! You don't have to be a member of the church to attend. Bring friends and neighbors. Please feel free to call Deb Sprague at 357-0125 if you have any questions.

**SCHEDULES FOR THE 2017 LUNCHEONS ARE POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARDS.
IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, PLEASE LET DEB KNOW!**

OLD HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Although we are no longer putting on a performance of "The Old Homestead", we will once again sponsor the Friday night free Summer Concerts at the Potash Bowl. The schedule is as follows:

July 7 th	Reunion Hill Band
July 14 th	Nelson Town Band
July 21 st	To be determined
July 28	Tom Foolery Band

All concerts are from 7-8:30 p.m. Brownie ice cream sundaes will be sold at the Refreshment Booth, as well as water, soda and snack size chocolate bars. We will be looking for volunteers to help make a pan of brownies.

Joan Hagar, Old Homestead Representative

Pot Luck Suppers ~ Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, and 28, 6:00 p.m., at First Congregational Church of Swanzey, 679 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey NH 03446. Join us for **POT LUCK SUPPERS** with your neighbors before the Potash Bowl Concerts. Bring a salad or main dish to share. Beverages, plates and silverware will be provided. Dessert will be available at the concert. Reservations not needed for the supper. 603-352-6689.

Hospitality / Coffee Hour Schedule:

July 2: Ethel Nilsen; July 9: TBD; July 16: TBD; July 23: TBD; July 30: TBD

August 6: TBD; August 13: TBD; August 20: TBD; August 27: TBD

The clip-board is available in the kitchen to sign up for upcoming coffee hour dates.

BASKET RAFFLE LIST: It's that time again! Are you interested in signing up for a basket for the church basket raffle to be held at the Christmas Fair? Please see the Bulletin Board outside of Friendship Hall. Thanks. Pat Haselton

YARD SALE:

Saturday, July 29th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at at First Congregational Church of Swanzey, 679 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey NH 03446. Retail tables available for \$15. We hope to see you here. If questions, 352-5117.

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SUMMER KIDS' CLUB
CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S AMAZING LOVE
Aug. 7-10 (Mon.-Thurs.)
6:00-8:00

Come to the SURF SHACK!!

Prizes for those who bring friends!

We hope to be outside a lot this year--who knows what might happen?

Science magic? Helping others?

Strange, but delicious snacks? Surfing in the sand?

Don't miss a minute!! It would be helpful if you call or e-mail the church and let us know you might be coming. You are welcome, no matter what.

Can you help fill our supply list for Summer Kids' Club?

Needed:

- 60 small pkgs. of lifesavers
- 60 caramels
- 60 One Hundred Grand bars (little ones fine)
- 60 lollipops
- 60 small mint patties
- Laffy Taffy (Small)
- 60 pieces of gum
- 3 bags Hershey's Hugs
- 2 cans pineapple rings
- 20 bananas
- 1 jar cherries
- box of goldfish
- box of Cheerios
- box of raisins
- bag of choc. chips
- We need to borrow some 1 inch or smaller heart shape cookie cutters.
- 2 liter bottles
- empty soda cans
- 1 liter bottles
- pen caps
- clay

We need these by July 29, please. Blessings on you.

July 2017

Sunday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
						1 Funerals
2 9:00 Svc. Birthday Party Melissa McC	3 Happy Trails 6:30-8:00 FH	4	5	6	7 Pot Luck 6:00 Supper	8
9 9:00 Svc.	10	11	12	13	14 Pot Luck 6:00 Supper	15
16 9:00 Svc.	17	18	19 10:30 FH Crafts w/Sandy TBD	20 BIT 5:15 p.m. Classroom	21 Pot Luck 6:00 Supper	22
23 10:00 Svc. Old Home Day @ Potash Bowl If rain, at UCC	24	25 4:30-6:00 Ministries Ldrs.	26 Adult Potluck 11:45-1:30 p.m.	27	28 Set-up Friday night for Sale Pot Luck 6:00 Supper	29 9:00-1:00 p.m. Church Yard Sale
30 9:00 Svc.	31					

CALENDAR WILL BE UPDATED AS NEEDED

FH = FRIENDSHIP HALL

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 Service	7 Summer Kids' Club 6-8 pm 6:30-8 Happy Trails FH	8 Summer Kids' Club 6-8 pm 6-7:30 FH Interact Board	9 Summer Kids' Club 6-8 pm	10 Summer Kids' Club 6-8 pm	11	12
13 9:00 Service	14	15	16	17 5:15 pm CL BITS	18	19
20 9:00 Service	21	22 4:30-6 FH Ministries Leadership	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 Service	28	29	30 11:45-1:30 FH Adult Pot Luck & Nancy L's stories	31	1	

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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