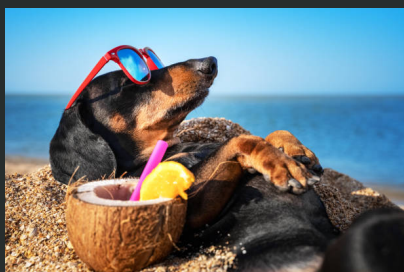


**"I could never in a  
hundred summers get  
tired of this!"**

-Susan Branch



Dog Days of Summer!

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# Congregational Church of Hooksett

## August 2022 Newsletter



### Kerry's Corner

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ,

It occurs to me that I have been with you a little over two months now, and this is my first written communication with you! I was wondering, *What's it been like for them? What profound things might I offer them? How do they feel? Are they anxious, scared, concerned?* I know I am!

Typically, I would offer the following words in a sermon within my first couple of weeks, but I never saw the opportunity to do so. It would go something like this, "I am not one of your former Pastors, whether you liked them or not". By now you know, or at least have a better idea, that I am different in probably more ways than one. I am a guest in your home and will try and respect the "household" rules. With that being said, my job here is to try and move you forward... What works? What does not work? Some of my questions are, what do you miss? Why? What things would you like to try? I have no agenda other than to help make this a community of faith which is open to all who want to walk with Jesus. The fact is, I can not do it alone, it takes all of us. Remember this is your Church! I am here to laugh, cry, mourn, celebrate whatever life has in store for you.

I do hope that you will take advantage of my hours in the office (which are Mon-Tue-Wed 9-1) to stop in, even if it's just to say hello and share a cup of coffee. I would love to hear your stories and get to know you better.

Romans 1:11-12 "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong--- that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

Your servant in Christ, Kerry

## Lectionary Readings for August

August 7

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 &

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Genesis 15:1-6 & Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

August 14

Isaiah 5:1-7 & Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Jeremiah 23:23-29 & Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

August 21

Jeremiah 1:4-10 & Psalm 71:1-6

Isaiah 58:9b-14 & Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

August 28

Jeremiah 2:4-13 & Psalm 81:1,  
10-16

Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7  
& Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

### From the Diaconate:

Are you enjoying summer? Do you like the summer church service hours? We are always looking for ways to make church services more enjoyable for everyone. We will continue with summer hours until September 10th .

Now that we have returned to having ushers for the Sunday Service, we are looking for volunteers. Ushers will greet folks coming into the sanctuary, pass out bulletins, and help serve refreshments during Coffee Hour.

Worship leaders will lead the service with Pastor Kerry. If you would like to serve as an usher or worship leader please let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns about our church services, please ask a Deacon.

Kindly submitted by Your Board of Deacons

Bill Andrade

Norm Boucher

Andrea Brown

Walker Brown

Kim Carbonneau

Lynn Chevette

Joan Cote

Nancy Vaughan

Paula Vaughn

### From the Missions Committee:

Information about this year's CROP Hunger Walk will be coming your way soon. Save the date! **Saturday September 24th!**

As a way to support our own community, the August food for the Hooksett Food Pantry is boxed mashed potatoes.

Be the reason someone else smiles today!

Thank you for all the support you give us,

Bonnie Boucher

Kristen Hamilton

Pam Hennessey

Vicky Karels

Kathleen Murphy

## Attention Amazon Shoppers

Looking for a way to help the Church? Every time you make a purchase using Amazon, sign in under AmazonSmile and select the Hooksett Congregational Church as the charity you would like to support. Once you've selected the Church, you should not have to select it again. However, each time you make a purchase make sure you are using AmazonSmile. The same products and prices are available, but with the AmazonSmile, the Church receives a donation. In 2021 we received a little over \$100. Thanks for your support.

### From the Trustees:

The Trustees want to thank you all for your giving to the church this fiscal year. Currently the numbers are in a positive place compared to past years and that is because giving is up. We are so encouraged by where we stand at the moment and hope through the continued giving to remain steady financially for the remainder of the year.

Part of our success with the budget has to do with in kind giving purchases for Fellowship Hour and other disposable material needs. If you have given we are so appreciative and if you have an interest in doing so, there is a board outside of the sanctuary with needed items. The Trustees with the help of others are compiling a list of items so we can better maintain our supply. One current need is 8 to 10 oz. coffee cups for Fellowship Hour. Thanks again to all those who have graciously given items and please know any help going forward is appreciated.

It is hot out there (and sometimes in the church) at the moment and the fans in the sanctuary have been being adjusted recently to maximize their functional use. At the current moment we are still making tweaks, but hope those will be completed in the near future to better help us all stay a bit cooler as we worship.

In late July, our annual fire inspection was conducted. There are a few needs to be addressed including adjusting some doors and installing carbon monoxide detectors which will be done in the coming weeks. We were additionally instructed that there are a few doors including the white ones going into the vestry and the wooden ones going into Fellowship Hall that need to remain closed as often as possible. This may cause a bit of an inconvenience with our traffic pattern on Sunday but hopefully we can all work together to make the best of this new situation. The good news is that these are all fairly minor fixes at minimal cost and we are approved to assemble for the coming year.

603 Pest has been helping us curtail the extra visitors to our building on a quarterly basis. Our most recent visit in early August was very positive and it appears that some of the problem spots are faring better. We truly appreciate their help in resolving these issues both inside and outside of our building.

In July the Trustees accepted the resignation of Heather Bridges for the position of Administrative Assistant and Choir Director. The Trustees worked with the Music Committee to formulate a plan on moving forward and it was decided that our great accompanist, Jon Abrams, will assume some additional duties along with further compensation for those. It was a great collaboration of the two groups to secure a positive path ahead and we look forward to what comes next for our music ministry.

We are also currently putting the final touches on an ad for an administrative assistant. It is our hope to be actively searching for this position in the near future. If you know of someone who is not a member of our church and has administrative skills and is interested in part time employment of 10 hours a week, please have them submit a resume, letter of interest and 3 letters of recommendation to [office@hooksettucc.org](mailto:office@hooksettucc.org).

As always if you have concerns or needs please don't hesitate to touch base with a Trustee at church or email us at [trustees@hooksettucc.org](mailto:trustees@hooksettucc.org).

Stay cool and many blessings,

The Trustee Team



### [From The Hooksett Community Kitchen](#)

The next Hooksett Community Kitchen meal will be on Monday, August 15th from 5-6 pm. The cookout will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, and cupcakes. You can take out or dine in! Hope you can attend and please bring a friend to enjoy our annual cookout!



### From The Music Committee

The Music Committee would like to congratulate our fantastic accompanist on his new role as our Music Director!



We hope that you all have been enjoying the energy and joy that Jon brings to our services on Sunday. If you haven't heard him play yet, tune in to our services on YouTube and hear for yourself what all the buzz is about or, better yet, join us in person on Sunday morning!

### From the Prayer Team:

God of our comfort, we thank you for your gifts of peace like a river, love like the ocean, and joy like a fountain. We know that deeper than the struggles in this world is your love for us. We find our perfect peace when we keep our eyes lifted to you. Make us instruments of that peace; where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. -Saint Francis of Assisi



Would you like us to pray for you? Please contact us at [prayer@hooksettucc.org](mailto:prayer@hooksettucc.org). It is completely confidential and we are honored to do it. Would you like to join us in prayer? The team will hold a prayer meeting on Zoom for all on August 24, 2022 at 7 pm during which we will share readings from the Bible and general prayers from the team. No specific names will be raised by the team, but you will be welcome to share in any way that you feel led. Please feel free to participate or just be present. No one will be put on the spot to share or pray out loud. We hope that you will consider joining us on the fourth Wednesday in August using the Zoom link below.

Topic: Prayer Meeting

Time: Aug 24, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82927581613?pwd=LzlwSHJYQ2E4dFUyRDFFczY1UzQwZz09>

Meeting ID: 829 2758 1613

Passcode: 988869

### Other News

Want to know what is going on throughout the NH Conference of the United Church of Christ? Click this link to sign up for their weekly digital newsletter:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9kct9zi>