

Congregational Church of Hooksett

October 2022 Newsletter



"I wish that every day was Saturday and every month was October!"

-Charmaine J Forde



Kerry's Corner

Greetings,

If you are anything like me, you tend to focus on the unpleasant things that happen or affect you one way or the other. We sometimes forget that good things are going on all around us, so I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the things that are going on, I am calling it the "GOOD STUFF".

You have participated in.

- Hooksett Old Home Day
- The Crop Walk
- The Music is growing weekly
- Jon the Piano Man is giving a concert on October 22 at 7 pm
- The Hooksett Community Kitchen meal is increasing both in attendance and with volunteers.

- We are in conversation with a Tai Chi instructor about a possible class here at the Church.

- Worship service attendance has been increasing (despite my obsession with spiders!)

- We have hired a new administrative assistant, Jacqueline M. Quick

I had mentioned last month some ideas that I have, one being a brown bag lunch once a month. So, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is able to join me on the 19 th of October at noon for lunch. Feel free to bring a friend, we will eat, talk, and hopefully get to know one another a little better.

If there is something you would like to try, please just let me know. I am open to whatever feeds you heart and soul.

In closing I would like to let you know that as the winter weather approaches if you are having any difficulty financially, please do not hesitate to let me know, I have some resources that might be able to help.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Kerry

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Lectionary Readings for October

October 2

Lamentations 1:1-6 & 3:19-26

Psalm 66:1-12

Habakkuk 1:1-4 & 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-11

Luke 17:5-10

October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

2 Kings 5:1-3 & 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

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October 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

Luke 16:1-13

October 23

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

Sirach 35:12-17 or

Jeremiah 14:7-10 &

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:16-18

Luke 18:9-14

October 30

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 19:137-144

Isaiah 1:10-18 & Psalm 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

From the Diaconate:

Summer has ended and Fall has arrived. The trees are starting to turn colors and will soon be displaying the amazing foliage that New Hampshire is known for, all to God's glory. We will soon be preparing for Advent. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please speak with a Deacon.

We are always looking for volunteers to participate in our service as Ushers and Worship Leader. Ushers welcome guests before service, hand out bulletins, and help serve coffee and juice during coffee hour. Worship Leaders assist the Pastor during the service. If you would like to serve as an Usher or Worship Leader please speak with a Deacon. Also, everyone is invited to contribute to our delicious selection of goodies for coffee hour after our Sunday worship services. No need to sign up or be asked. It is very much appreciated!

On Sunday, October 2nd the Deacons will begin serving the communion. We will still use the individual cups, but they will be distributed to all during the celebration of communion.

If you are interested in joining the church please speak with Pastor Kerry. If you have any questions or concerns about our church services, please let us know.

Kindly submitted by Your Board of Deacons: Bill Andrade, Norm Boucher, Andrea Brown, Walker Brown, Kim Carbonneau, Lynn Chevrette, Joan Cote, Nancy Vaughan, Paula Vaughn

From The Hooksett Community Kitchen

The next Hooksett Community Kitchen meal will be on Monday, Oct. 17th from 5-6 pm. Our menu will feature pasta with meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. Please plan to attend and bring friends and family with you!



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.

October Hooksett Food Bank Collection is canned meat!

From the Trustees:

The Trustees proposed a move of the Annual Meeting of the church to the first Sunday of January after January 1st. That bylaw was accepted by those present at the service on October 2nd. This change will allow our fiscal budget timeline to be more inline with the church calendar year allowing salaries and contracts to be voted in a more timely manner.

In the near future the Trustees will be holding a Fall Clean-up and welcome all who wish to share their abilities both inside and outside of the church buildings. Please stay tuned for an email and announcements concerning this matter in future weeks.

Finally a new Administrative Assistant has been interviewed and offered the position for our church. She has accepted and we are happy to have her on board. She comes to us with experience in this role and we are excited that she is going to use her skills to help us at the Congregational Church of Hooksett.

As always if there is anything the Trustees can be assistance with or issues we need to be made aware of please let us know.

Sincerely submitted,
The Trustee Team

From the Missions Committee:

It's that time of year to again reach out to our incredibly generous congregation to help make Thanksgiving a little easier for our church members in need. Our goal this year is to provide gift cards so folks can purchase a Thanksgiving meal. Please contact Pastor Kerry by **October 31th** if you would like to receive a Thanksgiving Gift Card and let him know how many people are in your family and whether you would like a card for Hannaford, Market Basket, Shaws or WalMart. Cards will be available for pickup November 13th, for those who would prefer we mail the cards that is also an option.

Instead of shopping this year, we will just be collecting funds so we can buy the needed gift cards. If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving gift cards please make checks payable to the Congregational Church of Hooksett, and note **Thanksgiving** in the memo line of your check. The checks can be mailed to the church at 5 Veterans Drive, Hooksett NH 03106. Any amount is welcomed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Missions Committee.

We are always amazed by the generosity and caring of this congregation! Thank you in advance for helping to brighten the holidays for others.

Continued prayers and blessings,

Your Missions Committee

Bonnie Boucher, Kristen Hamilton, Pam Hennessey, Vicky Karels and Kathleen Murphy

From The Music Committee

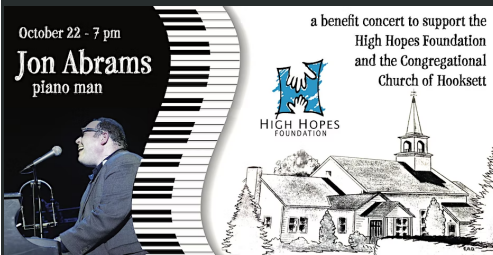
The Music Committee is holding our first ever benefit concert featuring our talented Music Director, Jon Abrams. Proceeds from this concert will be split between the Church and the High Hopes Foundation of New Hampshire. This is a non profit charity that grants wishes to children in New Hampshire. We've all heard Jon's amazing piano abilities each Sunday during our worship service, but did you know that he has an extensive background in musical performance? He had a career playing Billy Joel songs with his band in New York City. He also performed in Billy Joel's Emmy Award winning production, *Movin' Out*. For this concert, Jon will play a mix of classic pop music based on audience requests. You won't be disappointed.

The concert will be held on Saturday evening, **October 22 at 7 PM** in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. These tickets will be sold every Sunday during coffee hour up to the week of the event. You may also purchase tickets at eventbrite.com; there is a surcharge when buying tickets online.

Get your tickets, and get ready to "rock on" to your favorites!

Not familiar with High Hopes? Visit their website: High Hopes.

High Hopes Foundation provides life-enhancing Experiences to New Hampshire's chronically ill children. Their guiding principle is to make hope happen.





From the Prayer Team:

This month is breast cancer awareness month so we raise a special prayer of thanksgiving for the survivors of breast cancer. We pray for the men and women who are battling this disease right now. May they feel the love and strength of God surrounding them and their families as they undergo treatment and fight for their lives and their futures.

Our God, we thank you that you are here with us. None of our trials or tribulations globally, personally, or collectively are a surprise to you. In you, we find our hope and our strength. How can we be afraid or in despair when the creator of the universe is with us and the King of Kings is on the throne? We ask that your Holy Spirit reignites in us the fire and excitement that comes from the knowledge that we are the sons and daughters of the Most High God! Help us to find rest in the knowledge that you are working behind the scenes. You can see what we cannot. Our understanding is limited, but yours transcends time, space and history. You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. As you provided for your people in the wilderness, so you will provide for us. We declare that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. And we commit ourselves to being the light that you would have us be in this dark world. So, we praise your holy name.

Please Join us for our monthly prayer meeting using the link below.
Time: Oct 26, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)


Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85377219292?pwd=eUVMc0NmUjBtTVRoTjdDU1JwNHA4UT09>

Meeting ID: 853 7721 9292
Passcode: 667891

Other News

Welcome to Jacki Quick who has joined our team as the administrative assistant. She will be working both at the church and remotely. Jacki comes to us with experience as a legal secretary at the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office in Manchester. Jacki can be reached at office@hooksettucc.org.



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