

Congregational Church of Hooksett

September 2022 Newsletter



Kerry's Corner

So, where did the summer go? I must say that I am always surprised by the amount of help I get if I just know enough to ask for it. I would like to think that the ice cream social was as much fun for you as it was for me. When I brought it up at the council meeting, it was a matter of seconds that all the toppings were taken care of! Wow.

Which is a great segway into my next conversation. What is missing for you from your Church? What can I do to help you with your spiritual journey? Some ideas might be a brown bag lunch during the week, book study and or Bible study, morning coffee to just share some conversation, breakfast at Tuckers. I am open to whatever you think would help you or someone you know to fight the lonesomeness of the past couple of years and to expand our knowledge of one another.

We have all been busy gearing up for Hooksett's Old Home Day, and the Crop walk, there are some exciting things happening at your Church.

We are looking at some dates in which to receive new members into the community of the Congregational Church of Hooksett. Have you been thinking about how to join? Please speak with me if this is something that you are interested in.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Kerry

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Lectionary Readings for September

September 4

Jeremiah 18, 1-11 &
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 &
Psalm 1
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 &
Psalm 14
Exodus 32:7-14 &
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 18

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 &
Psalm 79:1-9
Amos 8:4-7 & Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 &
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 & Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

From the Diaconate:

As summer comes to an end and kids go back to school, our Sunday Service will return to 10:00am beginning on September 11 th. On August 13 th a Celebration of Life was held for Loretta Hart. Loretta was a member of our Congregation for many years before her passing in July 2020. We celebrated Loretta by sharing memories and paying tribute to the wonderful person that she was. She is truly missed.

We hope you all enjoyed the Ice Cream Social after church on Sunday, August 27th during Coffee Hour. A big Thank You to Pastor Kerry for arranging this event for us! If anyone else has ideas you'd like to do for a coffee hour, let the deacons know. This is fellowship time for us all and we'd appreciate your input and help. Can anyone top Pastor Kerry's Ice Cream Social?!!!

We are always looking for volunteers to participate in our service as ushers and worship leaders. If you would like to serve as an usher or worship leader please speak with a Deacon.

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 Chevette, Joan Cote, Nancy Vaughan,
Paula Vaughn



**COME VISIT OUR CHURCH'S
BOOTH AT HOOKSETT'S OLD
HOME DAY ON SEPTEMBER 17.**

If you would like to help set-up, take down or work at the booth, please sign up using [this link](#) or the paper version at church.

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:

At their August meeting, the Trustees worked together with the Music committee to increase the salary and adjust the duties of the accompanist position to include directing the choir as well. The Trustees are appreciative of the work completed by the Music Committee on this and look forward to the benefits provided to the church as a result.

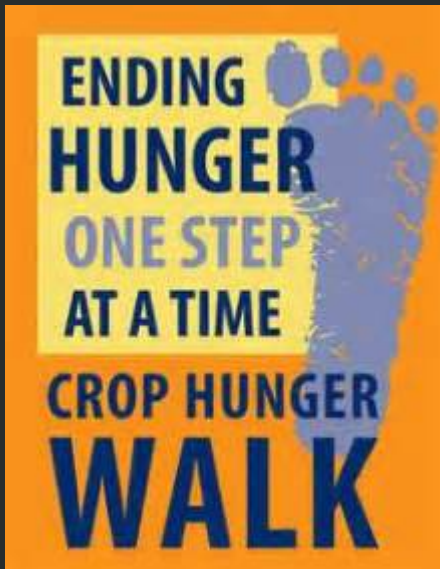
Based on the fire inspection at the church carried out by Hooksett Fire, you may see doors normally opened that are now closed. It is something we will have to get used to, but it is all in the name of building fire safety. That being said, the white doors between the vestry and the entry hall have been fitted with emergency closing mechanisms to allow for those to remain open. If there was ever a fire, the doors would disconnect magnetically to protect our building. A special thanks to Pastor Kerry and the Memorial Committee for helping this to become a reality.

Breeze is the church's member management system used for record keeping. Our subscription to this service also allows us to create an online giving button for our website and Facebook. We have signed up for this service for our church. Everyone can continue to give as they always have, but this allows some to tithe in another way or potentially be a new opportunity for others to give that haven't before. It will cost 3% + \$0.30 per transaction; donations made through a bank account will cost 1%. Donations can be easily credited to the donor's giving record by providing an email. Those additional costs can be offset by the giver in the donating platform. Please keep an eye out on our website and Facebook for this soon.

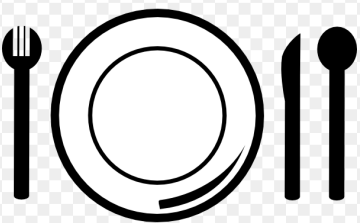
Trustees have locked in a rate with Direct Energy for our electricity now that Eversource has doubled their supply charges. It is a 36 month locked rate which can be ended at any time if Eversource has a better rate.

Finally there will be a church meeting soon to potentially adjust some bylaws concerning the Annual Meeting and the music director position. If there is a change to the Annual Meeting the budget process will be moved up and anyone interested can be a part of the process. Please be on the lookout for dates in the coming months.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



September Hooksett
Food Bank Collection is
canned fruit!



The Trustees will continue to work on making our space the best it can be for our congregation. If you want to help or have a suggestion please find a Trustee or send an email to Trustees@hooksettucc.org.

Respectfully submitted,

The Trustee Team

From the Missions Committee:

Are you ready to get your heart pumping? Are you ready to help in the movement to end hunger? If you said, "YES" to either of these questions you might be happy to know that the CROP Walk for Hunger is coming up soon. On Saturday, September 24th a team from Hooksett will join other churches and groups from around the area to participate in a 2.5 mile walk in Concord. The walk begins at 1:00 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 90 Clinton Street, Concord.

Not interested in walking? No problem! Our team is accepting donations for the walk. Any amount, big or small will help!

[Sign up to walk or donate here!](#)

If you would like to make a cash donation, please give it to a member of Missions. Your contributions to this event are priceless!

Thank you in advance and God bless,

Missions

Pam Hennessy, Bonnie Boucher, Kathleen Murphy
Kathleen Dube, Kristen Hamilton, Vicky Karels

From The Hooksett Community Kitchen

Our next Hooksett Community Kitchen meal will be on Monday, September 19th from 5-6 pm. This month's meal will be sponsored by the Hooksett Salvation Army. Our menu will include: pulled chicken and pulled pork, coleslaw, fruit salad, dessert, and beverages. This is a free community meal and all are welcome!



From The Music Committee

The Music Committee is happy to report that the choir is once again gracing us with an anthem on Sunday morning! Welcome, welcome, welcome back! The choir has a different look and everyone who would like to sing is urged to join in anytime! Rehearsals happen at 9:30 am on Sunday morning and right after the service for a bit of an introduction to the following week. The music for worship is a collaboration between the Music Committee, the Music Director, and the Pastor. The committee is always ready to hear suggestions for Sunday music! Please let us know if you would like to hear a favorite hymn and we will do our best to work it in! Once chosen, Jon and the chorus do their magic!

Speaking of Jon and his wonderful musical talents, we are happy to announce that on October 22, 2022 at 7 pm there will be a concert held at church featuring our very own Music Director, Jon Abrams! More details will follow, but the proceeds will be split between our church and the American Cancer Society. Please save the date and be on the lookout for more information!

From the Prayer Team:

A Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11

By The Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon is District Superintendent of the Pensacola District of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference.

O God, our hope and refuge,
in our distress we come quickly to you.
Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided,
replaced now with an emptiness,
a longing for an innocence lost.
We come remembering those who lost their lives
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.
We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for friends.
We commit their souls to your eternal care
and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.
We come remembering
and we come in hope,
not in ourselves, but in you.
As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken,
we are reminded of the illusion of security.
In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks for your presence
in our time of need



and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
our guide and our guardian. Amen.

Would you like us to pray for you? Please contact us at 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 September 28, 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 September using the Zoom link below.

Topic: Prayer Meeting

Hooksett UCC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Prayer Meeting

Time: Sep 28, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85150446340?pwd=Tmlaajl1VzVDWG51QVFwek4zSURldz09>

Meeting ID: 851 5044 6340

Passcode: 833996

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>



