

***The Community Church of New Boston  
2 Meetinghouse Hill Road  
New Boston, NH 03070***

October 26, 2025



Dear

The cool, crisp days of fall are here along with life becoming increasingly busy for many of us. This also marks the time of year when the Stewardship committee begins to assess the financial needs of the church for the upcoming year.

The church mission remains as important and relevant as ever. Thanks to your support and the support of the community at large, the church has continued to serve a vital and relevant role helping others, keeping our faith family connected, and reaching out to a wider community through on-line worship services.

During its discussions, the Stewardship committee is continually reminded of the many wonderful ways our church family interacts with the greater community of New Boston. A few of the ways your generosity has supported our church building and the community this year are:

- A growing Sunday School, talented Choir (the Cantatas!) and of course, our minister, Woody
- Community Outreach - the Helping Hand Fund that assists those financially in times of crisis (car repairs / heating & electric bills)
- Food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Building maintenance such as annual repairs and physical upkeep (weekly cleaning) as well as improvements and upgrades

Many of you donate to the church during the year for which we are very grateful. For 2025, we ask you to consider making a pledged contribution for the year.

**What is a pledge?** Quite simply, a pledge is a promise of financial support that the church can “bank on”. The church has a budget that we must set just like many families and businesses. The total amount of money pledged is the single most important tool used by the Session to develop the budget for the church. The pledge may be paid in any way that is best for your family. Many families use pledge envelopes and pay weekly or monthly. Some pay for the entire year with one check or with in-kind appreciated stock donations to take advantage of potential tax benefits. You can also choose to make your contributions online at the church website ([communitychurchnewboston.org](http://communitychurchnewboston.org)) or with the QR code on the pledge form.

**Why should I pledge?** You may be thinking that the church has always made it without your pledge in the past. The church has been able to balance the budget in the past because we have had enough in our reserve account from which we could draw upon to cover any shortfall. It is our hope that we can increase the number of families to cover

the shortfall and maintain the reserves for capital expenditures (replacing the multiple furnaces as they are 20+ years old!) relating to owning a historic, 140-year-old building.

**How do I know how much to pledge?** The amount of your pledge is completely at your discretion. Each family has its own financial picture and only you can determine the contribution that is right for your family. A church friend would often say, “Give until it feels good, not until it hurts.” We estimate all costs to increase 10% in the year to come, so if you are in a position to increase your pledge from last year to this year, it is greatly appreciated!

The Stewardship Committee is grateful for all pledges and appreciates any financial contribution – no matter what size. It is what we pledge *together as a community* that makes a difference.

**As Jane Goodall said in her last message to the world:** *“You may not know it, you may not find it, but your life matters, and you are here for a reason. And I just hope that reason will become apparent as you live through your life. I want you to know that, whether or not you find that role you are supposed to play, your life does matter, and that every single day that you live, you make a difference in that world. And you get to choose the difference that you make.”*

With our sincerest thanks and gratitude,  
*Lynn Wawrzyniak Karen Roach Sara Beaudry Jane Byam Dana Robie*

The Stewardship / Church Life Committee

**\*\*\*Pledge responses on or before 11/23 would be greatly appreciated!** 

**Consider what your gift can do:**

- *A gift of \$5 per week will pay about 1/3 of the cost for ads in the Beacon for upcoming church events*
- *A gift of \$10 per week provides staffing for live streaming of our Sunday service for about 2 ½ months*
- *A gift of \$25 per week keeps our parking lots and sidewalks clear in the winter.*
- *A gift of \$35 per week will pay for 3 months of cleaning service for our building*
- *A gift of \$40 per week will pay for electricity for ½ the year*
- *A gift of \$75 per week can be set aside to cover 1/3 of the cost of replacing one of our 20yr old HVAC units in the Marden wing.*
- *A gift of \$100 a week will provide oil & gas to keep the heat on in the church for ½ the year.*
- *A gift of \$250 per week is equivalent to supporting 11 months of the church’s music program, directed by Sam Gorton and accompanied by Karina Allayne.*

*We are always looking for volunteers to help us with events at the church and in the community. Please let us know if you'd like to give the gift of your time and talent! Many hands make for light work!*

*See the pledge form to let us know how you'd like to volunteer!*

2026 Pledge Drive

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (for church newsletters – optional): \_\_\_\_\_



- Per week: \_\_\_\_\_ You may also pay your pledge using this QR code:
- Per month: \_\_\_\_\_
- Annual: (one time) \_\_\_\_\_
- Members, please consider an additional pledge of: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$75 / member for your annual Presbytery dues).
- I would like a member of the Stewardship Committee to contact me

You may contact our Treasurer, Lydia Peak at [nbcctreas@gmail.com](mailto:nbcctreas@gmail.com) to check your past pledged amount and with any other questions. Please return this form in the offertory plate or mail to: **Treasurer, Community Church of New Boston, 2 Meetinghouse Hill Road, New Boston, NH 03070.** In addition to cash pledges, donations of appreciated securities may also be accepted.  
*(See opposite side for volunteer opportunities!)*

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***I'd like to Volunteer my time and talent (circle your choices):***

***Baking / Prep / Cooking / Serving at Church events, Desserts at the Town Summer Concerts, Community Dinners***

***Maintenance of the Church and Grounds (Cleaning / Organizing / Spring Clean Up / Raking Leaves)***

***Assisting with Sunday School***

***Helping with Holiday Food Baskets and Gifts***

***Singing in the Choir***

***Greeting and/or providing Fellowship Snacks***

***Helping with the Stewardship Campaign***

***Grant writing for the Bell Tower repair***