

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025



From Woody: There are many wonderful pieces in Caroline Kennedy's book, A FAMILY CHRISTMAS. I have shared several including the story in yesterday's sermon about the boy getting up early to milk the cows on Christmas morning. In her introduction to the book she reminds us that the early Puritans were very much against the celebration of Christmas....The Puritans were not exactly fun-loving folks. But I share with you her

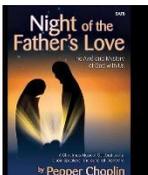
comments in the introduction to her book:

The genius of Christmas is that it has meaning on so many levels. It allows each child to connect with the Divine and with others. There is also room for each family to create its own traditions while, at the same time, participating in a larger cultural and civic festival. Although America was founded on the separation of church and state, and Christmas has developed with regional and sectarian differences, in some ways, this national celebration intertwines the secular and the sacred, as it strengthens the bonds between individuals and the larger social community.

Thank you all for helping make Christmas a special time for our church and for our great town. Merry Christmas to all.



Joyful Sharing program: Thanks to everyone for their contributions in helping to make it a Joyful Christmas. And a special thanks to Barbara Ballou for her tireless efforts to coordinate (and shop) for these gifts. The gifts will be distributed with the food baskets on Saturday.



Christmas Cantata: Thanks to Sam, Karina, Jamie Boyle, the choirs, and everyone who helped to make this a special performance. It was spectacular. For those of you who were not able to attend, you can still watch it by going to www.communitychurchnewboston.org and click on the Cantata link on the sidebar.



Christmas Food Baskets: Christmas food baskets will be distributed on **Saturday, December 20**. We will be collecting food donations on Friday, December 19 from 7-9am as well as Saturday, December 20th from 7:30-8:30. Any questions, please reach out to Colleen Jorczak (603)660-8966 and Kim Borges (603)325-3091. To sign up for food items,

go to the website below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA4A92DAAF6-60881077-2025>

There are still slots open for bread, apple pie, milk, eggnog, frozen pie not apple.



Christmas Eve Service: There will only be one service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. Both Junior and Senior choirs will be singing. Ushers are needed for the service. You can sign up this Sunday.



Security Upgrades: We are pleased to announce that CCNB has been awarded a 2024 Department of Homeland Security Non-Profit Security Grant through the State of New Hampshire. With all preliminary requirements now complete, we are ready to begin construction.

Local contractors will be on site this month to install a new alarm system, a video security system, and upgraded door hardware throughout the church. These enhancements will include an electronic access system at the ramp entrance. Although construction will begin soon, the new security systems will not be activated until after the Christmas Holiday.

If you currently hold a church key and require access outside of regular service hours, please contact Bruce Tostevin or Rob Trzepacz. Session members, church officers, employees, the choir and directors of authorized organizations will automatically receive access cards.



Peace Quote: Help us to love even those who hate us; So we can change the world. Cesar Chavez



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