

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025



From Woody: Just a couple of brief topics today. First of all, many thanks for the kind comments on my column a couple of weeks ago about our wonderful dog, Abbi. It was easily the most comments about any of my columns. We still miss Abbi but are already in love with a wonderful four-year-old, 8 pound little girl that we adopted from the City Shelter in New York City. Our daughter Stacie was a great help in finding her. Her name was Cinnamon but since she didn't seem to know that we named her Annie because she shoots around like Annie Oakley. She is both cuddly and wild and crazy when you throw anything for her to chase. Hope you all get to meet her.

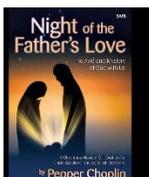
Secondly I just wanted to thank people for their support of our efforts to help those in need. I believe that we are now over 80 for gifts for local children and also have already sent \$150 in donations for Carolyn's efforts in Florida for immigrant children in southwestern Florida. I also know of one of our members bringing some books and toys for Carolyn so if you have anything you want to contribute, you bring it in on Sunday we will ship it to her. I am humbled by the generosity of all of you.



Joyful Sharing program: If you are interested in sponsoring a wish list, there are children left. Barbara Ballou is happy to meet with you if you desire to look over and choose a wish list from the folder. You are not expected to fulfill the entire list. Just do what you can.

Donations of cash, checks (*made out to CCNB with Joyful Sharing on the memo line*) and gift cards are also gratefully accepted. You may drop these donations at the Rec Dept., the Whipple Free Library or the Town Hall. These donations may also be brought to the Community Church of New Boston. If you sign up here, we will know the donation is coming. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AFAB2AA5F5CE9-60335736-2025#>

Donations and Fulfilled wish lists are due back December 14 at the Community Church, or December 12 at the Whipple Free Library or the Post Office.



Christmas Cantata: This year's ecumenical Cantata is *Night of the Father's Love* to be held at the Community Church of New Boston on **Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 pm**. Participating choirs, aside from our own, include Hillside Methodist Church, St. Lawrence Church, and the Goffstown Congregational Church. **There will be pie after the Cantata!**



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. If you know of a family in need, please reach out to Woody at (603)487-3643. 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/20F0C4FA4A92DAAFB6-60881077-2025>



Annual Christmas Cookie Walk: Will be having our annual cookie walk after church **December 14**. Cost is \$15 for 2 dozen. **We need more cookie bakers!** If you would like to donate cookies, we are asking for 4 dozen. You can bring them to the church on that Sunday morning. Please include a list of ingredients. Contact Karen Roach, if you have any questions and/or wish to donate cookies. sailkat@comcast.net



Christmas Eve Service: There will only be one service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. Both Junior and Senior choirs will be singing.



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: Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding.
Albert Einstein



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