

WEEK OF May 3 2026



From Woody: I thought I would share a story that Barbi and I have lived through and now a wonderful couple who were a great part of our church family has suffered. It is a story of addiction. We lost our daughter Amy to addiction. Both alcohol and drugs were sadly a battle she fought. She had some sober time during her battle but the addictions eventually won. She is buried in the cemetery down the road from our house. We have raised our grandchildren and they have had to deal with the loss of both their parents when they were still kids and being raised by grandparents. There may be some hereditary influences to addiction and we are proud that Kaydee is still active in AA and has 7 years of sobriety.

A wonderful couple who was a great part of our church when they lived here has just made a generous donation to our Paul Revere Bell effort in memory of their son. Bill and Nancy Martin, who now live in Ontario, NY, have lost their son William at the age of 36 to that disease. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and Nancy and we will see them when they come to bury their son's ashes in the New Boston Cemetery next to those of their baby who they lost many years ago.

Addiction can be a killing disease that, according to statistics, has its' greatest opponent in Alcoholics Anonymous. I am proud that our church has a meeting here on Tuesday evening. Both AA and also Narcotics Anonymous use the same 12 Step Program to achieve and maintain sobriety. Alcoholics and drug addicts are not bad people, but they suffer from a bad disease that can ruin the life of the addict as well as their families. Our chapter of AA here was begun by Ray Houghton and Rob Rickey many years ago and we thank those who attend it today. They help not only those who come but their families and friends who, when they support their loved ones who have an addiction problem, become a part of the solution. AA is a way that God helps those afflicted with the terrible disease of addiction and gives help to not just the addicts but also hope to their families and friends.



Sewing Classes: Interested in learning basic sewing skills? Then please join Kristi Citak and Judy Hull on Saturday, May 16 9:30--12:30pm in the Dignard room. We would love to hear what you want to learn as well. Some of you may learn how to make dresses for our Dress a girl dress making. HOW exciting would that be?

For more information, contact Kristi Citak (kris_kreations@comcast.net)



Paul Revere Bell: The work to get our Paul Revere Bell fixed for the 4th of July is on schedule. The estimated cost is \$25,000 and we have received a generous gift of \$10,000. Other gifts have been coming in, some in memory or in honor of someone. More gifts would be gratefully received to help us reach our goal. . You can donate by clicking on

the link below.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-help-restore-the-community-church-of-new-bostons-paul-revere-bell-and-bell-tower>



Quilt Raffle: Carolyn Ferguson-Wilson has generously sent us 2 quilts to raffle off. Proceeds will be donated to the bell repair. She is also willing to make a custom quilt. Raffle tickets will be on sale after church each Sunday when you can see the beautiful quilts she sent. You can also buy raffle tickets online, and we will deposit tickets into the pot with your choices. Link is below:



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/community-church-of-new-bostons-quilt-raffle-to-benefit-the-belltower>



Children's Sunday: We will be celebrating our children during our worship service on May 24. Following the service, we will have a picnic on the lawn (weather permitting). More details to follow.



Church Cleanup: Please join your friends at the 2026 Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 30th from 9 to 12! Bring your rakes, gloves, maybe a shovel or two, and, of course, water and join in for a fun morning of exercise and comradery all the while keeping the Church and New Boston green! Thank you in advance. Please contact Judi Hull at 6033-487-3387 if you have any questions.



Peace Quote Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.....Jesus



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