

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025



From Woody: Our congregation has been busy, with a special thanks to Colleen and Kim and their great crew, helping to feed people in need. For that I am very grateful. We did 36 baskets and still have 2 turkeys left.

I am also very grateful to another group in our church.....the choirs. Both the wonderful Junior Choir and our Adult Choir were in action yesterday at the morning service and it was great when the congregation was a part of the Junior Choir anthem. Then last night I attended the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in Goffstown. The person playing the piano was Karina. The director was Sam and almost half of the choir was our choir. I believe that giving thanks is central to any worship service, and I also believe that the most important element of worship is the music. We preachers do our best, but what really touches people is the music. And wow do we have great music under the incredible direction of Samantha Gorton and the piano accompaniment of Karina Allayne. We truly are blessed as a congregation to have such true professionals who are also wonderful human beings. Thank you to all our great singers and to Sam and Karina. You bless us with music that touches our hearts and moves our worship experience. You really are great human beings and it is my honor to serve with you both and with our great choirs.

Advent will begin this Sunday, November 30.



Craft Fair: Is this Saturday, November 29th, 9am-2pm. Set up Friday November 28th, 6-8pm. We need:

- baked goods donations
- Attic Treasures (donations for clean and ready for sale items)
- Handicrafts (sewers/crafters donations for the handcraft table)
- Help setting up and breaking down
- Manning tables in 1-2 hour intervals
- crafters/vendors (we need you)

Contact Kristi Citak (text 603-486-9910) with any questions for interest in helping or joining as a vendor.

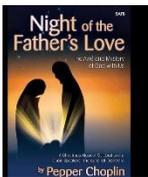


Joyful Sharing program: It's that time! The Joyful Sharing Program helps local families with food and gifts for the holiday season. Joyful Sharing, through the Community Church of New Boston, has helped many families over the years. This year, we anticipate the need may be higher than last year, due to the current economy. If you are interested in sponsoring a wish list, they are available each Sunday morning following the church service. 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#>



Advent Organ Meditation, December 7 3:00 pm: Dawn Sweet will be offering an organ meditation based upon the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." This hymn originates from the "O Antiphons" used during vespers in the 6th century. These antiphons are still chanted and/or sung today during vespers or evensong in the Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches. The form of the hymn we know today was composed in the 12th century and varies from hymnal to hymnal. Some of the traditions have maintained the seven antiphons which are: Emmanuel, King of the Nations, Radiant Dawn, Key of David, Root of Jesse, Lord and Wisdom. (Possibly we can check our hymnal prior to December 7th.) Also there will be a contemporary prayer written by Dawn to be prayed at the meditation. Hope this time will enrich our days of Advent, waiting and expectation as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, the Christ.



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.



Peace Quote: Through genuine repentance and forgiveness, the soul of our nation is redeemed.....*Congressman John Lewis*



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