

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025



**From Woody:** I beg your indulgence as I would just like to dedicate these words in honor of our wonderful dog Abbi, who we lost on Saturday. She was a rescue dog who came on a big 18 wheeler some 15 or so years ago. We met her in a shopping center parking lot on a Saturday afternoon in February along with many other folks waiting for their adopted dogs. She was understandably scared to death and spent the ride home with her head buried in Barbi's lap. I want to mention that the foster parents who we talked to on the phone back in Alabama were wonderful in saving her from being on the list of stray and/or unwanted dogs that are routinely euthanized in the South. Abbi turned into a wonderful member of our family. She never was interested in chasing balls or toys that made noise but was devoted to being with us. She, of course, liked to eat, but beside that her greatest joy was being with each member of our family. She was with us through thick and thin. She was loving, a good communicator, and such a special part of our family. We all miss her deeply. She was gentle, communicative and loving. We were blessed to have her with us during the time we lost our daughter, the dark days of the pandemic and the ups and downs of family life. One reason we haven't taken more vacations is that I have missed her and worried about her when we were away. I never had to yell or discipline her and her love for each one of us has been constant and limitless. We miss her very much. Everywhere in the house I still feel very sad when I don't see her. I know there are people who don't feel comfortable with dogs but even non dog lovers would warm up to Abbi.

I wish dogs lived as long as people but am very grateful for the many years our wonderful Abbi was with us through the ups and downs of life. I do believe that it is appropriate that "Dog" is God spelled backwards. Abbi truly taught us almost unconditional love, as long as we had dinner on time. Thank you for reading this and thanks to God who created such a wonderful and loving member of our family. Abbi, we will always love you.

### Sesson meets next Wednesday at 7pm.



**Thanksgiving Baskets:** We are in the process of preparing and organizing the Thanksgiving. So far we have 35 families needing baskets. We are reaching out to this amazing congregation with a list of needed foods. The link to the sign up sheet for food donations is below. We also need about 75 banana boxes between Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA4A92DAAFB6-59865867-2025>

If you know of a family who could benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving or Christmas Basket, please reach out to Woody or Lydia. You can also reach out directly to Colleen Jorczak (603)660-8966 or Kim Borges (603)325-3091.



**Monthly Rally:** Those wishing to join the rally in support of our immigrants in Manchester **Tuesday, November 18** are invited to meet in the parking lot of the Town Hall between 8 and 8:10 to carpool to Manchester. **Note day change.**



**Craft Fair:** Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm. set up Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Photos Needed:** Lynn is looking to redo the hallway bulletin boards and am in search of photos from our picnic in July, Children's Sunday in May, and any other recent CCNB events. If you have a photo to share, please send them via email to me at [lwawrzyniak@comcast.net](mailto:lwawrzyniak@comcast.net) JPEG format is most appreciated.



**Sunday School and Junior Choir:** classes have begun for students in grades K-6. For now, students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend and

assist with the younger students. Our studies this fall will have us finding God and messages from the Bible in Disney movies!

Junior choir rehearses with Ms. Sam directly after service.



**Flowers for Worship:** We asking that you sign up if you would like to provide flowers for worship- it helps with planning and making sure every service is provided with flowers. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the church office or contact Ellen Anderson ([andersel@njms.rutgers.edu](mailto:andersel@njms.rutgers.edu), (973-747-2321) for special Requests or questions.



**AED / CPR Certification** In a continued effort to support a safe and welcoming environment at CCNB, The Trustees of Expenditures is once again promoting the training of members of the congregation to get an AED/CPR certification for 2025. The certification is good for two years. TOE is seeking \$1000.00 in funding for the training and 12 volunteers to take it. Once the funding and volunteers have been secured, the

training will be scheduled. If anyone would like to take the training a signup sheet will be placed next to the AED in the hallway, or you can email Bill Vickery at [bvickery123@gmail.com](mailto:bvickery123@gmail.com). For anyone .who would like to donate towards this activity, please contact Lydia Peak at [nbcctreas@gmail.com](mailto:nbcctreas@gmail.com)"



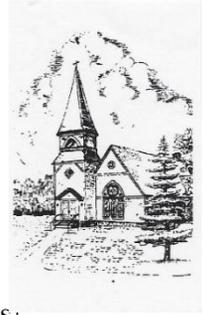
**Peace Quote:** So let us not be blind to our differences but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can make the world safe for diversity.

*President John F. Kennedy*



**QR Code:** You can use the QR code to pay your pledge or other contribution—or click on the link below: <https://www.zeffy.com/enUS/donationform/e47ab025-f0b0-40b4-90e6f262bb1a29e1>

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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***