

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2025



From Woody: In honor of our Veterans I send along a wishful poem of Carl Sandburg's written after the end of World War I. Sandburg hoped that World War 1 was the War to End Wars.

*There will be a rusty gun on the wall, sweetheart,
The rifle grooves curling with flakes of rust.
A spider will make a silver string nest in the darkest, warmest corner of it.
The trigger and the range-finder, they too will be rusty.
And no hands will polish the gun, and it will hang on the wall.
Forefingers and thumbs will point absently toward it.
It will be spoken among half-forgotten, wished-to-be-forgotten things.
They will tell the spider: Go on, you're doing good work.*

Christians and all other good-hearted people hope Sandburg's dream someday comes true. Thank you and Happy Veteran's Day who all who have served our country.

Session meets Wednesday, November 12 at 7pm.



Thanksgiving Baskets: We currently have 36 families needing baskets. Thanks to this amazing congregation and community, ALL items are filled. Thank you to everyone! Food Donations will be collected at the Community Church on Friday, November 21, 2025 from 7-9am and Saturday, November 22 from 7:30-8:30am. 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.

Stay tuned for a link for Christmas basket sign ups!



Ecumenical Service: Sunday, Nov. 23 at 7pm there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service with our Choir participating at the Goffstown Congregational Church.



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 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.



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 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, (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. For anyone .who would like to donate towards this activity, please contact Lydia Peak at nbcctreas@gmail.com"

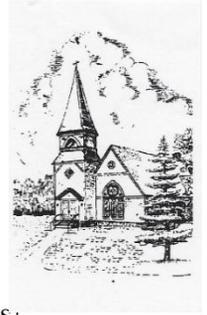


Peace Quote: Someday they'll give a war and no one will come.....*Carl Sandburg*



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>

*The Community Church of New Boston
2 Meetinghouse Hill Road
New Boston, NH 03070*



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) 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 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