

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025



From Woody: Halloween is one of the largest holidays now in the United States, perhaps only surpassed by Christmas in terms of spending and participation. The holiday this Friday gives people a chance to imagine being someone or something else. Now, most of us won't imagine being monsters or something similarly scary but we can take the opportunity to imagine being a different person....to walk a mile in someone else's shoes. That can be a valuable exercise as we really have trouble imagining what it is like to be a person different from who we are. Imagine if you were a different race, a different gender, a different nationality-- What would that feel like? I think that one of the predominate factors in the divisions in our country is that we fear people who are different that we are. If we believe as Christians that God creates us all then it seems important to try to understand each other rather than fearing someone who is different. Through most of our history, white men who claimed to be Christian have run the country.

Early on, the leaders were white and male and land owners. Certainly, it took too long for the Irish and the Italians and other immigrant groups to become accepted. The treatment of Native Americans and of Africans are prime examples of the unfairness (probably too weak a word) with which the "others" were treated. This is still the case along with fear of people from Mexico or South America, as well as people of different sexual orientations. The current war on immigrants is evidence of discrimination based on fear rather than on an effort to put ourselves in someone else's shoes.

Let's have fun on Halloween with the trick or treaters but let's also think about how much we all share in common as opposed to our differences. I believe God wants us to understand our common interests and celebrate our differences. We might even realize that God loves us all and wants us to follow His lead and love and respect one another.



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)

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



Holiday Baskets: We are in the process of preparing and organizing the Holiday Food and Gift Baskets. Once the families are confirmed, we will be reaching out to this amazing congregation with a list of needed foods. At this time, 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.



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 In Full Swing: 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. **The Junior choir will be singing this coming Sunday.**



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 nbctreas@gmail.com"

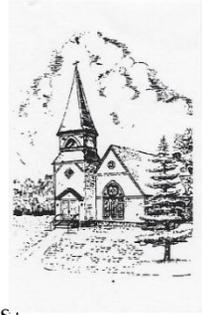


Peace Quote: When you feed a hungry person you are feeding me.....*Jesus*



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) 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