

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



From Woody: We live in a time of increasing political violence. The killing of conservative Charlie Kirk last week is yet the most recent example. Sen. Raphael Warnock gave a great speech on the Senate floor last week and I will share but a few lines. He is the Senior Minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Martin Luther King's church in Atlanta as well as one of the two US Senators from Georgia. I will just share a story I had never heard from the beginning of his speech. The speech is well worth watching (a little over 8 minutes) and I will try to make copies available. The story is from 1974, 4 years after the assassination of Dr. King. MLK's father, Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. was the Senior Minister at the church and his wife, Alberta Williams King, was the Minister of Music. Mrs. King was playing 'THE LORD'S PRAYER' on the organ when a man opened fire, killing her and a church deacon. After telling this awful story Sen. Warnock quotes MLK's father:

"I will never let any man pull me down so low as to hate him. Hate is too big a burden to bear". He then says, "He's right and that's why in the moment we must condemn political violence but we also must condemn hate and hate speech. You cannot condemn one without condemning the other. The hate itself is a kind of violence that kills the spirit and corrupts the soul of a person and of a nation. And that viscous cycle of hate and violence can only lead to the demise of our country and the destruction of our humanity. So in this defining moment, may we resist the seductive siren of convincing us that we are at war with one another."

Thank you Sen. Rev. Warnock

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- September 21 The beginning of the Sunday School Year
September 28 The Blessing of the Dresses for Girls Around the World. Kristi Citak will be sending them off to be distributed to girls all over the world.



Chicken Barbecue: Our Annual Chicken Barbecue is coming up on September 20 from 5-7 pm. You have the option to eat in or take out. You will have your choice of ½ or ¼ of a chicken. Meal includes, homemade baked beans and coleslaw. And a delicious dessert of an applesauce cake. Cost is \$15 for ¼ chicken and \$18 for ½ chicken. Help is also needed: Prep and set up Saturday morning, kitchen help, servers, and clean-up afterwards.



Sunday School Starting: Sunday School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 21st** 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! Join us after church for "A Sundae for Sunay!"

Children's choir will also begin rehearsing with Ms. Sam directly after service.



Dress A Girl Around the World: Please text Kristi (603-486-9910) if you plan on sewing or helping with Dress a girl dresses in September—each Saturday during the month.. It is most helpful to know a head count so I can set up the number of tables needed and room for however many sewing machines needing to be plugged in. This includes sewing, cutting out dresses, helping sort the fabrics to be cut out into dresses is helpful. We also have an opportunity for those who want to sew at home. We have several dresses cut out and ready to sew. Just let Kristi know, and she can send you home with one. **All dresses are due back to Kristi by September 30th.** We will be blessing the dresses during the service on **September 28** before we send them off to points around the world.

If you do not sew, you can contribute money. Kristi will be purchasing t-shirts and shorts to include with the dresses.



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.



Flowers for Worship: Many thanks to everyone who provided flowers for the worship service over the summer. Summer was a free-for-all regarding the flowers. Starting with September 28th we will go back to 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. So, if you would like to provide flowers for a service, 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). Flowers may memorialize a person or an event and always enhance our shared worship experience. If needed, vases are available in the kitchen. Thanks in advance!



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"



Drivers Needed: New Boston seniors (and others) need help to get to appointments. You can help. Our new program is in need of volunteers for driving these folks. Since our MTA program ended NB folks have been left without rides. 15 rides were requested in July- only 3 were fulfilled and those were by Peterborough drivers! So 12 requests were unfulfilled due to no drivers. Check out the website. Simple application. Very flexible. You can help!

<https://www.cvtc-nh.org/><https://www.cvtc-nh.org/>



Peace Quote: To be called "woke" in a world that sleeps through suffering is no insult-it is the gospel. Woke means awakened by compassion. Guided by truth. Humbled by grace. Committed to justice - not just for some, but for all....*Pope Leo*



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