

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



From Woody: . As I was slogging up the road this afternoon the Fire Department Ambulance stopped to ask me to do a prayer at the remembrance this Thursday morning at 8:30 of the attack on our country on September 11, 2001. They do a great job every year of remembering the awful attack on New York City and the brave response of Fire and Police to try to save lives at the World Trade Center. We also remember the courageous passengers who brought a plane down to prevent it killing more of our fellow citizens. I still remember opening the church that evening to anyone who wanted to talk about the sad events of the day. Then on Friday night we held a service for the community and the sanctuary was overflowing.

I have been thinking a lot about why we live in a world with many starving and struggling people. Wars certainly don't feed the starving or heal the sick. Jesus taught us to not practice violence but rather use love and kindness to work towards His promised kingdom on Earth. We don't seem to have learned that lesson and we live in a current world and land where cruelty and violence are very much in evidence. Imagine if we took the money our various countries spend on weapons and put the money into hunger relief, homes for the homeless, free healthcare for everyone. Imagine if we followed the example of the brave firemen and police who went into the World Trade Center and did what they could to save lives. Some gave their own lives in the effort. It didn't matter what race or political view the people in that building were and the brave responders gave us a true example of working together to help one another. We sadly will always need a Defense Department, but it is far past time to work to not fight wars against our fellow human beings but rather to use the world's resources to help each other, regardless of the color of our skin, the place of our birth, the language we speak or the religion we practice. If we stopped spending what the world spends on weapons of death we could have resources to feed and house the poor, to work to fight diseases and to better educate all of the world's children. We need to follow the example of the folks who bravely saved the people they could save on 9/11 and to start to create Departments of Peace rather than Departments of War. It is a fair criticism of my thoughts to say they are a dream, but it seems to me it is the dream of Jesus and Isaiah as well as of John Lennon, and Peter, Paul and Mary.

Hope to see you Thursday morning at 8:30 am at the fire station, if you can make it and hope we will all pray for Jesus's teaching of loving one another can come into the thinking of the people leading the world's nations.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- September 14 Our Celebration of Pets
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.



Celebration of Pets Service: Our Annual worship service celebrating our pets will be **Sunday, September 14--10:00 am**. Weather permitting, we hold it on the side lawn of the church. If it is raining, we hold it in the Dignard Room. All pets and people are welcome, as long as they are comfortable around other pets. Dr. Amanda Burris, our local veterinarian, will share some thoughts.



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 $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of a chicken. Meal includes, homemade baked beans and coleslaw. And a delicious dessert of an applesauce cake. 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!

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



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.



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/>



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"



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.



Peace Quote: There's been a quantum leap technologically in our age, but unless there's a quantum leap in human relations, unless we learn to live in a new way towards one another, there will be a catastrophe. *Albert Einstein*



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