

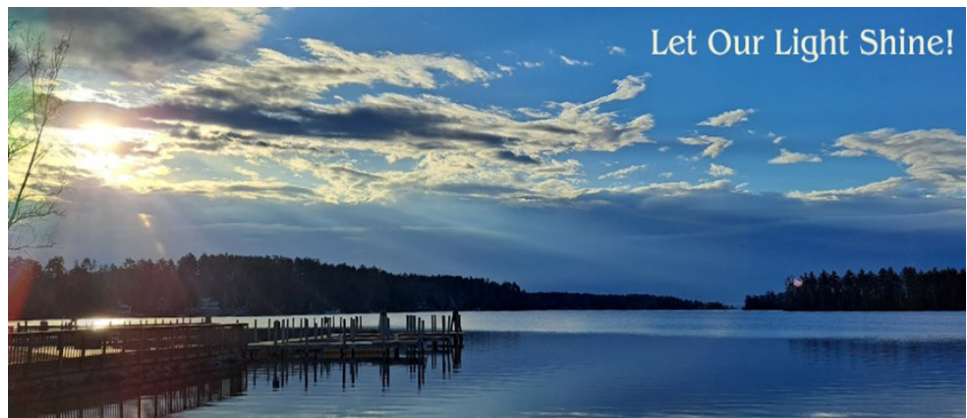
# THE CENTER HARBOR LIGHT



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Special offering this month: *Neighbors in Need*

October 2024



Let Our Light Shine!

**Center Harbor  
Congregational Church**  
*United Church of Christ*  
*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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Every Sunday we respond to the benediction by singing *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!* We are filled with the light of God during the worship service, not just to feed our own spirits, but so that we can spread that light outward in the coming week. How do we do that?

Certainly, we spread the light in our own lives, when we feed the hungry, visit the sick, or welcome the stranger in God's name. But we also spread the light through the work that the church does throughout the week – through our building that provides meeting space for our community; through the worship, faith development programs, and pastoral care we offer; through our beautiful Facebook page that now regularly reaches people all across the United States and at least two other countries. There are so many ways that God's light shines out from this church into our community and into the whole world.

The Stewardship Committee has selected "Let Our Light Shine" as the theme for this year. The money we give does more than keeping the lights on in a literal sense. Our gifts also keep God's light shining out into the world.

So, as we prayerfully consider our commitments to the church for the coming year, let us remember all the ways we have been blessed. Let us feel the abundant grace we have received and the love we share in this community of faith. Let us recall every time we have heard God speaking to our own hearts here, exactly the word we needed for that moment. And let us give, so that those same blessings, that same grace, that same love, that same word of God can shine out to all.

Let our light shine, let it shine, let it shine!

*Pastor Cathy*

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**f** All Members: Ministers

**Deacon:**  
Cindy Thompson

**Trustee:**  
Dave Ostroth

**The Village Preschool**  
*Laura Curran*  
455-1067

Save the Date:

Stewardship Homecoming  
Dinner

Saturday, November 2nd  
4:30 pm

# Church Life

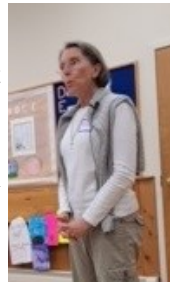
## Cindy Thompson Delivers Sermon



On Sunday, September 22nd, Cindy Thompson, a member of our Lay Preaching Class, delivered her sermon on the story of Hagar. The sermon's theme was "The God Who Sees Us". Members of the lay preaching class have worked closely with Pastor Cathy over the past few months studying and preparing their sermons.

## Pastoral Sharing Information Session

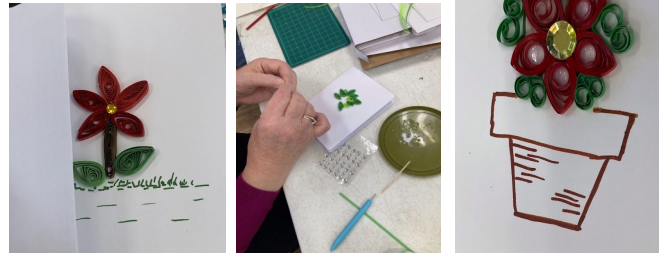
On September 12th, Traceymay Kalvaitis, Pastor of the Dublin and Harrisville churches, visited CHCC to discuss her experience as a pastor shared by two churches. Nearly 40 people attended both from our congregation and four other congregations in the Merrimack Association. The four visiting congregations were Union Congregational in Hebron, Salisbury Congregational Community Church, First Church in Wakefield, and First Congregational Church in Meredith. Reverend Kalvaitis shared a wealth of information about how her two churches came to share a pastor, the process they went through in developing this covenant, and the many benefits of the arrangement. If you still have questions or were unable to attend and want to know more about pastoral sharing, you can ask any member of our pastoral sharing research team: Cindy Thompson, Louisa Cartier, and Janet Gulezian.



## Holly Fair Preparations

Led by Patty Finn, several members of the Holly Fair Team, enjoyed learning how to quill and create beautiful cards.

Gift baskets were assembled in late September and enthusiasm is building for the annual Holiday on November 23, from 8-2. Thanks to everyone who has made donations of items to the baskets and donations of their time, talent and treasure. If you are wondering how you can contribute to another successful fair, please contact Ann Koniszewski at 603-520-8923. Thank you!



## Holly Fair Final Stretch Calendar

- Mon. 11/11 6:00 pm in Church Kitchen  
Apple-Pie Making Event
- Wed. 11/20 10:00 am in Gilpatric Hall  
Table/Sign Set-Up (Designated Crew)
- 1:00 pm in Gilpatric Hall  
Tablecloths and Swags on Tables
- Thurs. 11/21 9:00 am in Gilpatric Hall  
Display Set-Up (Snacks Provided)
- Fri. 11/22 Any Remaining Display Set-Up
- Sat. 11/23 Holly Fair Day!!!

## **Books 'n Bites**

Did you just finish an amazing book and need to tell someone about it? Have you been reading a bunch of duds and need a recommendation?

Come and share what you've been reading!



**Tuesday, October 22 at 1:30 pm**

Interested? Contact Diane Crawford or Jill Morton

### Notes from the September Cabinet Meeting:

- Approved recommending to the congregation the transfer of our investment funds to Fidelity investments in order to have improved access, choice, and return on our funds. The Cabinet called a meeting of the congregation for September 29<sup>th</sup> for a vote on this proposal.
- Approved the 2025 budget for recommendation to the congregation at the annual meeting.
- Approved a change in the by-laws for the 5% fund withdrawal calculation (to be voted on at the annual meeting).
- Received a plan by the Property group to remove 4 trees that have been deemed unsafe.
- Approved hiring accountant Nancy Goss to do the audit.
- Approved adding a request at the congregational meeting for an approval to make overtures to nearby churches that are searching for pastors to learn which churches might have interest in a pastor-sharing partnership.
- Approved a motion to the congregation at the annual meeting that we set aside the by-laws for another year to allow the Finance Committee to handle church finances as a committee of the Cabinet.

### Little Free PANTRY DONATIONS

Items that we are in need of:

- Bread (this is a very popular item)
- Cereal (sweetened cereals are especially popular)
- PB and Jelly
- Nuts/crackers/bars
- Lunch on the Run or Snack boxes
- Rice and Pasta mixes
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Toilet paper (individually wrapped or single rolls)



Donations may be placed in the bin labeled “Little Free Pantry” in the church office.

**Thank you for participating in this mission.**

### Benefit for Circle Program sponsored by Temple B’nai Israel

## ONE NIGHT ONLY! Saturday, October 26, 2024



### Flawless a Capella of Classic Hits

Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium,  
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# IN MEMORIAM

## Blanche P. Perkins (1925-2024)

Rutland, VT - Blanche Lena (Parker) Perkins passed away at The Meadows in Rutland, VT on August 28, 2024. She was born September 13, 1925 in Norwich, VT to Glen and Laura (Bradley) Parker.

Growing up in Norwich, High School in 1944, and Vermont where she attained Economics. While at and asked him to a Sadie married on June 26, 1949 and

They lived many years in taught at Rutland Town ing, she helped Warren at moved to the Perkins where they rented out many years.

Blanche had a strong taught Sunday School at Church of Christ in Rutland on many committees Church. She enjoyed gar- of her pink geraniums. grandchildren and many extended family members lovingly called her Mammie.



she graduated from Hanover went on to the University of Ver- her teaching degree in Home UVM she met Warren Perkins Hawkins dance. They were mar- ried 70 years of marriage.

Rutland, VT where Blanche School. After retiring from teach- Perkins Insurance and later they homestead in Center Harbor, NH camps on Lake Waukewan for

faith. She was a deacon and also Grace Congregational United land and later a choir member in Center Harbor Congregational dening and was especially proud Her grandchildren, great-

Survivors include her brother, Robert Parker of Norwich, VT; children, David (Lauri) Perkins of Flemington, NJ, Jeanne Sammon of Hanover, NH and Bill (Mary) Perkins of Proctor, VT; grandchildren, Joshua, JennaLyn, Brian (Vicky) and Justin (Carly); 5 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Warren; and siblings, Charles, Marjorie and George.

The family wishes to thank the staff at The Meadows for the wonderful, compassionate care given to Blanche in her final months.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024 at 11 AM in the Center Harbor Congregational Church. Private burial was in the Meredith Village Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in her name to the Center Harbor Congregational Church, PO Box 229, Center Harbor, NH 03226.

Tossing Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# News from the Board of Missions

## October Mission of the Month: Neighbors in Need

Our special mission for October is **Neighbors in Need (NIN)**, one of the four special offerings of the national United Church of Christ.

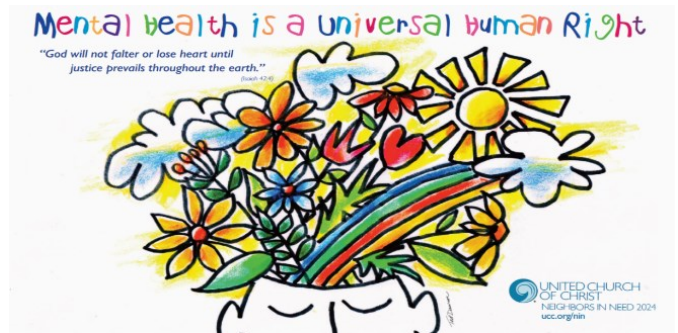
Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. In 2024, the NIN theme is **“Mental Health Justice For All!”** with a focus on Mental Health Justice... a much-needed and timely focus.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

Thank you for your generous support of this UCC offering here at Center Harbor Congregational Church.



### 2024 Contributions to Missions (as of September 24th)

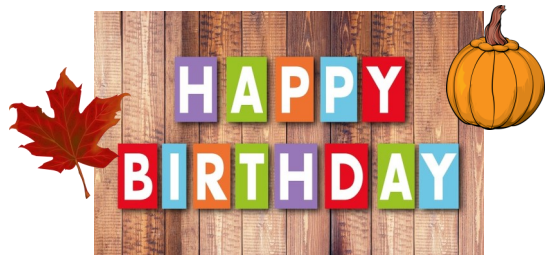
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|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Christmas Angel Fund      | \$30      | Deacon's Fund                    | \$395    |
| I.L. Community Caregivers | \$185     | 25-40                            | \$50     |
| New Beginnings            | \$510     | Neighbors in Need                | \$50     |
| OCWM                      | \$2226.56 | Hunger Action                    | \$370    |
| OGHS                      | \$777     | Backpacks, Blankets, & Tools     | \$375.80 |
| Habitat for Humanity      | \$919     | Strengthen the Church            | \$245    |
| United Campus Ministry    | \$40      | Christmas Fund Veterans of Cross | \$473    |
| Horton Center             | \$465     | Camp Resilience                  | \$176    |
| Medical Debt Relief       | \$395     | Ministry of Space                | \$1020   |

Total: \$8702.36

### A BIG THANK YOU!!

How big, you might ask? \$39,500 big! Your pennies and loose change offered during the summer to alleviate medical debt added up to \$395. The money will be sent to Undue Medical Debt, an organization that buys medical debt in bulk and forgives the debt.

One penny donated will buy one dollar of medical debt for some person or family drowning in debt because of some medical issue. So, your generosity was multiplied 100 times! Thank you! Another generous endeavor from "TEAM CHCC"!



- 10/03 Natalie Smith
- 10/07 John Eaton
- 10/08 Joe McGrail
- 10/16 Norman Larson
- 10/17 Eric Larson
- 10/17 Ann Koniszewski
- 10/17 Susie Talbot
- 10/18 Charlotte Morrow
- 10/23 Abby Olden
- 10/25 Ethan Larson
- 10/30 Patrick Curran (father)



- 10/06 Louisa and Andy Cartier
- 10/24 Ed and Amy O'Hearn
- 10/25 Kyle Libby and Tereza Vardanyan
- 10/28 Spencer and Patricia Martin

## Opportunities In Our Community

### Laconia Non-Partisan Candidate Forum 2024 Offers Voter Education and Engagement Ahead of General Election

The public is invited to attend a non-partisan forum to hear from candidates seeking election to the New Hampshire House of Representatives for Laconia Wards 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, as well as the State Senate (District 2) and the Executive Council, (District 1). Both Democrat and Republican candidates will share their views on state and local issues most important to voters on Thursday, October 10 from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street East in Laconia. The event is free and open to the public and will be moderated by the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire

### Center Harbor Soup Kitchen Benefits from HANNAFORD FIGHT HUNGER BAG

We are so excited to share that, for the entire month of October, the Center Harbor Soup Kitchen has been selected by store leadership at Hannaford's Meredith location to receive a \$1 donation from every purchase of the \$2.50 Fight Hunger Bag. This is a great way to broaden awareness and help our cause.



The Fight Hunger Bag Program facilitates community support with the goal of making a difference where shoppers live and work.

Let's get started! If you need new shopping bags this month, consider purchasing the Fight Hunger Bag at Hannaford in Meredith.

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- Moulton Farm Corn Maze, Meredith open daily beginning September 21st
- Beans and Greens Corn Maze, Gilford open daily 10 am to 4 pm
- Sandwich Fair  
October 12th to 14th
- NH Pumpkin Festival, Laconia  
October 22nd to 31st

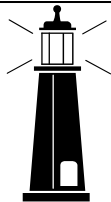
# Center Harbor Congregational Church, UCC

## October, 2024

**This month's mission:  
"Neighbors in Need"**

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Boldface = Church-sponsored events</b>  |   | 1<br>4:30 pm Soup Kitchen  | 2<br><b>5 pm Missions Mtg., Zoom</b><br><br>6:30 pm A.A., Parlor | 3   | 4<br>11:00 am Perkins Memorial Service<br><br>8:00 pm AA, Open Meeting, Gilpatric   | 5<br>8:30 am NMRA Seacoast Mtg., Gilpatric       |
|  |   | 6<br>10:00 am Worship<br><br>11:00 am Handbell Rehearsal                   | 7  | 8<br><b>4:30 pm Deacons, via Zoom</b><br><br>4:30 pm Soup Kitchen | 9<br>6:30 pm A.A., Parlor   | 10<br><b>9:00 am Bible Study, via Zoom</b>       |
| 13<br>10:00 am Worship<br><br><b>No Sunday School</b><br><br>11:00 am Handbell Rehearsal | 14<br>Indigenous Peoples' Day<br><br><b>Office Closed</b> | 15<br>4:30 pm Soup Kitchen<br><br><b>7:00 Cabinet via Zoom</b>             | 16<br>6:30 pm A.A., Parlor                                       | 17<br><b>9:00 am Bible Study, via Zoom</b>                        | 18<br>8:00 pm AA Open Meeting, Gilpatric  | 19   |
| 20<br>10:00 am Worship<br><br>11:00 am Handbell Rehearsal                                | 21  | 22<br><b>1:30 pm Books &amp; Bites, Parlor</b><br><br>4:30 pm Soup Kitchen | 23<br>6:30 pm A.A., Parlor                                       | 24<br><b>9:00 am Bible Study, via Zoom</b>                        | 25<br>8:00 pm AA Open Meeting, Gilpatric  | 26<br>NH Conference Annual Meeting, Geneva Point |
| 27<br>10:00 am Worship<br><br><b>Annual Meeting</b>                                      | 28  | 29<br>4:30 pm Soup Kitchen   | 30<br>6:30 pm A.A., Parlor                                       | 31<br><b>9:00 am Bible Study, via Zoom</b>                        | <b>Questions?</b><br><i>Call the secretary during Office Hours:</i><br><b>Tues. &amp; Wed., 8:30 am - 2:30 pm</b><br>or leave a message:<br><b>(603) 253-7698 or 253-8668</b><br><b>E-mail: CHCCsecretary@chccucc.org</b> |  |





## The Corn Husker By Emily Pauline Johnson

Hard by the Indian lodges, where the bush  
Breaks in a clearing, through ill-fashioned fields,  
She comes to labour, when the first still hush  
Of autumn follows large and recent yields.  
Age in her fingers, hunger in her face,  
Her shoulder stopped with weight of work and years,  
But rich in tawny coloring of her race,  
She comes a-field to strip the purple ears.  
And all her thoughts are with the days gone by,  
Ere might's injustice banished from their lands  
Her people, that to-day unheeded lie,  
Like the dead husks that rustle through her hands.

From *Flint and Feather: The Complete Poems of E. Pauline Johnson (Tekahionwake)* (The Musson Book Co., Limited, 1917) by Emily Pauline Johnson. This poem is in the public domain.



Carl Moon, Corn Harvest at Santo Domingo, ca. 1938-1940, oil on canvas, 24 x 30 in. (61 x 76.2 cm), Smithsonian American Art Museum, Gift of Mrs. Florence O.R. Lang, 1985.66.383,334  
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