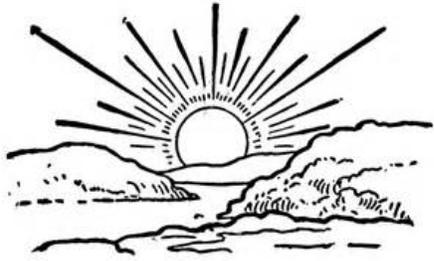


# Shalom



The Quarterly Newsletter of the South Newbury Union Church  
GOING FORWARD - PULPIT SUPPLY

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY....

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY MAY 8TH.** We will remember and honor all mothers with a pink carnation...Worship with Rev. Celeste McQuarrie at 9:30 am

## Plans have been made...

We thank Rev. Dawn Berry for bringing her spiritual guidance and friendship during Advent. She made Christmas meaningful to all.

## Spring Has Sprung!

\***Food Pantry** open by appointment only.  
Call 938-5369 for any needs.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>: Corn Beef and Cabbage**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>: Ham with Mac n Cheese**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>: Chicken and dumplings**

### Other Date Reminders:

**SORRY ---- THERE WILL BE NO RABIES CLINIC THIS SPRING.**

Due to an apparent shortage of Veterinarians we are unable to schedule the Rabies Clinic this year. We apologize for any inconvenience. We know this is a very worthy mission. Hopefully we will be able to arrange clinic for next year.

Join us for **Maundy Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
@6:30pm for a simple supper and 7pm for a meaningful Tenebrae service

**EASTER SUNDAY....Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> @9:30**  
worship LET'S CELEBRATE!

Easter Egg Hunt April 17<sup>th</sup>! Keep an eye out for more details in the coming weeks!

**March 6** ...Rev. Celeste McQuarrie - communion

- 13** Christine Hill
- 20** Rev. Celeste McQuarrie
- 27** Jim Schultz

**April 13** Rev. Dawn Berry - communion

- 10** Lay Preacher
- 14** Rev. Dawn Berry - 6:30 Maundy Thursday - simple meal - followed by Tenebrae Service 7pm.
- 17** CELEBRATION OF EASTER - Rev. Dawn Berry.
- 24** Lay Preacher

**May 1** Rev Celeste McQuarrie - communion

- 8** Rev Celeste McQuarrie
- 15** Lay Preacher
- 22** Lay Preacher
- 29** Lay Preacher

A very special thank you to our wonderful Lay Preaching Team. They continue to bless us with their wonderful words!

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Recently the committee submitted an application for an Interim Minister with the NH Conference of the UCC. This Minister would assume the responsibilities of ministry in SNUC until a "settled pastor" can be found.

Apparently, as with everything else, there is a shortage of ministers.

Our Application is out there on the internet. Please pray that there is a special minister out there to be part of our journey.



## CHURCH IN THE SEASON OF COVID-19

We are back for in person services. We are following the CDC guidelines and social distancing requirements...but we are OPEN!

We do share information about our ministries on Facebook, on our electronic newsletter, the "E-Pistle," and on our website, [www.southnewburyunionchurch.org](http://www.southnewburyunionchurch.org).

We are grateful that so far, no one associated with our church has reported contracting COVID-19. But we continue to pray for those who have gotten sick, and for the many people who risk themselves to take care of others.



**ONLINE GIVING  
IS MORE CONVENIENT THAN EVER**

Even though we are doing few things in person, the church is still ministering. The way we minister during the stay-at-home orders requires more of us than how we did things before. We are grateful for the many people who have continued to financially support our church's ministries.

Many have been mailing checks to the church. We are depositing those gifts in our bank accounts. Some have shifted over to giving electronically. This is a relatively uncomplicated process, which anyone can do by visiting the "Ways to Give" and "Donate Now" pages on our website. We are charged a percentage of your gift, which the online system allows you to offset with an extra donation. The best (and least expensive) way to give electronically is by making an ongoing monthly donation from a bank account. The system does allow donors to give by credit card, but it is much more expensive.

However, you choose to give, your gift truly is making it possible for us to "be the church" in these extraordinary times, so thank you



## Dinners are Back!!

Our dinners have been a great success amid this pandemic. Even in trying times people need to eat, so we continue to serve! Our dinners have sold out every time! As always, we need help in prep and serving our customers from a distance. Since our dinners are all take out it does take a huge effort to get it all together and out the door in a timely fashion. Together we will continue to provide for our community and our church! Dinners that are up and coming:

**March 12<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm TAKE OUT ONLY!**

**Corn Beef and Cabbage:** Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots and blueberry scones. Suggested donation \$15. Reservations strongly encouraged. Call Sat between 9am-5pm to make your reservation.

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## Valentine's Day Baskets



Were a huge success! If you missed yours this year, put it on the calendar for next year! A unique gift from the norm with the most amazing treats!

## Holiday Baskets for Newbury needy families.

The Deacons have been remarkably busy over the holidays. Our holiday basket mission is a very important one for SNUC.

Due to the inability of Market Basket to assure us that they would have enough of the items needed for the holiday food baskets, it was decided again this year to send out Market Basket gift cards.

Thanks to the generosity of many Newbury Residents...we were able to send gift cards to needy families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

42 gift cards were sent out for each holiday for \$50 each...It was possible to send \$100 to large families for Christmas.

It is important that the SNU deacons acknowledge and support local missions when possible. Recently the Diaconate was able to send a donation to KREM, Lake Sunapee VNA and the Claremont Soup Kitchen.

We thank all who have made a donation to the Deacons Food Pantry.

## Just a Thought or Two:

Change can be a scary thing. When we change what we are used to it changes us in some ways. I always used to look at change as something that was horrible. I never liked change because I never really understood it properly. Change is important to growth. You can't have growth and newness unless you allow change to happen.

We have experienced many changes in the last few months in our little church and over the many years we have been in existence. With each change comes a symbol of hope. It opens new doors to new endeavors.

Our Lay Preaching team has certainly stepped up their game to make sure that our services continue their path as needed. Our church family has stepped up to continue to move forward even without a pastor at the very moment. These times of pure stress is when we start to lose our faith. We waiver and wonder why we are doing what we are?? What is the point? Some might even wonder why bother? We keep on moving forward because this little church, in this little town makes differences in many peoples lives. We continue to find new ways to work together to make sure we are viable in the future.

People come and people go but the true love of this church and its community remains strong and viable. So, the next time you want to wonder why, remember that you are part of the future. That God has called all of you to continue this wonderful journey and move our quaint little church into another

exciting time. We have a lot to offer in the years to come and that is what we need to remember. COVID will eventually wear thin, and we will be even more needed and more viable. So, keep on following the path and trust that God knows where he wants us!

Love and Blessings Always

## **Update on “Shining the Light”**

### **FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.**

Spring is here, and our campaign is back. Let's get busy and renovate our Friendship House!! After a long winter, we are geared up to begin. Check out our new sign....and theme.

### **EMBARKING ON THE JOURNEY!!**

At present, our donations total approximately \$160,000. Enough to get started!

The committee is making plans to reach out to the residents of Newbury. This is where we need your help. We need your enthusiasm to spread throughout the community...talk about our plans to make the Friendship House an important part of Newbury providing a better updated community space for all of Newbury and the surrounding communities.

Watch for a "Ground Breaking" ceremony this spring. To see a floor plan and conceptual rendering of our concept for the Friendship House go to our website:

<https://www.southnewburyunionchurch.org/>

## **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

(Black National Anthem)

*J. Rosamond Johnson/James Weldon Johnson*

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing  
'Til earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies  
of Liberty  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies  
Let it resound loud as the  
rolling sea  
Sing a song full of the  
faith that the dark past  
has  
Taught us  
Sing a song full of the  
hope that the present has  
Brought us  
Facing the rising sun of  
our new day begun  
Let us march on 'til victory  
is won  
—Verse 1*

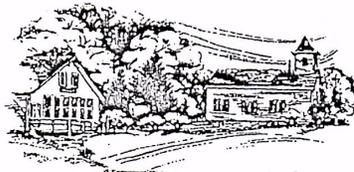
### **OUR COVENANT**

*Our ancestors were called together to be God's people. Grateful for their faithful witness and this heritage, relying on God's everlasting grace, we the South Newbury Union Church family covenant together to be God's people in this place and in our time. We dedicate ourselves to the worship and service of Almighty God as it is revealed by Holy Scripture and the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

*We covenant to walk together in all God's ways, with all God's people; to honor and respect one another as a caring family; to welcome all who enter our sanctuary and to live in our love and charity with our families and our neighbors. We further covenant to be stewards of the gifts of nature that God has given to us; to be faithful in the worship, action and support of this church, freely giving our time, treasure and talents. We expect the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in our midst.*



***Sundays at 9:30 AM  
Join Us!!***



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