

Shalom

The Quarterly Newsletter of the
P.O. Box 37; Newbury, NH 03255 [w](http://www.w)
Summer 2023

Summer is on its way!

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

May 20th: Chicken and dumplings

14th Ascension Sunday, Mother's
Day

27th Spring Cleaning of the
Church and Friendship House outside
clean up

28th Pentecost Sunday Baptisms
of Lilly and Haley

June 17th Roast Pork Dinner

18th Father's Day

25th Annual Meeting

July 4th Kids 4th July Parade

8th Strawberry Shortcake at Old
Home Day

Late July Thomas Famous Chicken
BBQ

August: 12th Annual Church Fair

Victory Gardeners

" In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed,
an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and
snow of winter there's a spring that waits to
be, unrevealed until its season, something
God alone can see. * Natalie Sleeth"

This beautiful hymn reminds us of the hope
and promise of Spring to come. You may
yearn for your hands in the soil and want to
join us to prepare and tend our first
community garden. We had our first
meeting February 16,2023 and the beds are
ordered. All ages are encouraged to
participate in the preparation, planting,
tending and reaping. How exciting to think
we will be seed Sowers in the community
with these gardens. We will be receiving the
seeds from the town library. Our next
meeting will be Sunday April 2,2023 at
11:30. On April 23,2023 the UNH extension
will be hosting a seed saving presentation at
3:00 in the Vets hall. Let's have a church
presence here as we reach out to fellow
gardeners. Our planting day will be May 21,
2023. We will start small but think big.

Creative, Community Connection

The time is fast coming when we will be
planting our community garden after church
on May 28, 2023. The children are busy
starting our seeds for this Spring event.
What a splendid way to celebrate Pentecost
and the birthday of the church by bringing
good soil, seed and plantings to represent
our work in the community. This will be a
community garden so invite your friends
and have your children invite a friend to this
fun morning. We are looking for donations

of compost and garden soil. The garden soil will be purchased by the truckload from Five Acres for \$146.00 the compost can be purchased by the bag at any hardware or garden store. The metal beds were purchased and will be adorned by the children with their paintings. If you would like to donate for the purchase of the rich soil you may make a donation to the diaconate with a note for "community garden". Inch by inch row by row, gonna make this garden grow.

Bible Study

We have fellowship and Bible study each Thursday from 10:15-11:30.

All are welcome to join us at any time. I think you will be filled with spirit as we study the book of Job. We will be exploring one of life's most difficult questions, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" The book of Job cuts to the heart of what it means to be human. It is the most profound exploration of life and faith ever written and wrestles with life's most perplexing questions. We are following the Kerygma program in this course. Hope to see you there.

Baptisms

We would like to congratulate Molly Carrigan. The members at South Newbury Church are very proud of you and we pray for increased blessings in your life. May this wonderful occasion be a very special start in knowing that God's love will live and grow in your heart. As you face challenges in your life, remember the day of your baptism and seek God's spirit that has been reborn within you.

More exciting news: we have three more baptisms. We will also be receiving into the

faith Lilly and Haley Deane as they will be baptized on Pentecost Sunday, and Andrew Clark on Children's day June 11, 2023.

This is good news for the church. Praise God!

"And the Lord added to their number daily, those who were being saved." Acts 2:47

Sing and Swing Along

Do you like to sing? We are trying to organize a time to visit the local elderly community to bring joy and song to some of the residents. This will happen either Thursday or Sunday after 1:00pm. We will be singing some of the good ole favorites like "You are my Sunshine" and some memorable hymns. This idea is still in the planning stages, but I know we can bring the sunshine if our faith community of adults and children are part of this monthly event.

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends of Faith,

I send greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday is now past, but our resurrection life lives on in our church and community. We are the Easter people. So our faith is not lived out in a day or week, no the celebration of a life in Christ is carried with us everyday, everywhere we go. The cross of Christ marks a moment of transition in our lives from darkness into light; from despair into hope; and even from past into the future. What comes during the transition is sacrifice. The cross of Christ represents the ultimate act of sacrifice based upon the selfless, redeeming love of Christ. When I think about us, at South Newbury Church, as a community of faith, I give thanks for

the countless hours offered sacrificially in mission and service in the name of Jesus. I feel that God is bearing fruit through these efforts. And now we look forward to the birthday of the Church pentecost. A day where the apostles tongues were loosed and were on fire with the heavenly language of God. So much so thousands were converted after one sermon, to live a life in relationship with God.

As the summer approaches we will have more opportunities to be out in the community to share our faith and love for Jesus Christ through our words and through our deeds. Give glory to God , when the birds sing, the flowers bloom and the sun shines on your face. Be the Easter people everyday!

Pastor Cyndie Dandrea



**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



Yummy!

Our dinners continue to serve our community and others. We have opened back up to dinner in the Friendship house but also still have take out for those that would like that. We look forward to seeing your faces back with us in the coming months! Together we will continue to provide for our community and our church! Dinners that are up and coming:

May 14th: Chicken and Dumplings 5-7pm eat in or take out. Suggested donation \$20

June 17th : Roast Pork Dinner 5-7pm eat in or take out. Suggested donation \$20

Just a Thought or Two:

Love is definitely a key to happiness in this world. What the world needs more of is love!

Have you ever noticed how much we complain about things in the world? Our coffee isn't made right, someone is driving crazy, people do not act the way we want? There is always something to complain about but what if we stopped complaining and we started loving others and thinking positive?

None of us are perfect and we have no right to judge others, no matter what they do. We do have the right to share our love and niceness with those around us. God loves us no matter what and we are not always nice and sometimes downright mean, but yet he continues to love us. We need to take a lesson from the God above and LOVE each other like he loves us. I know how difficult this can be but can you imagine how hard it is for him to love us when we are at our worst?!

Spread love, give love, be love. No matter who we are, we need to be loved. We look for love, we long for love, love is what makes us all tick. We need to take a page or two out of life and show Love to each and every person. When we find it hard to do, we must remember that there IS good in every person and we must find that good by breaking through with LOVE. I am definitely not good at this, although I try to give love to everyone. There are those who find it difficult to do, but lately I have been thinking about WWJD (What Would Jesus Do). When I start to think negatively I try to remember that saying. I know, it came out a long time ago, but I believe we need to get back to that. The next time you are in a

position that makes you feel like you are not going to share love...then please think about WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) If you think he would do it and it's spreading love and acceptance then do it, if it is not then change your thoughts and be Love. We need to spread more Love in this world and as a church family we need to spread love to each other and to everyone. Spread the Love, Be the Love, Give the Love!

I love you all!!!

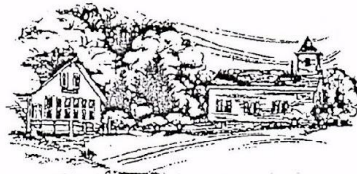
OUR COVENANT

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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