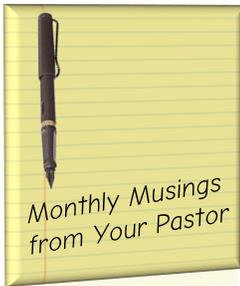


The Lantern

A Light unto our Path...

October 2018



Monthly Musings From Your Pastor

There is an old African proverb that states, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. I don't know about you, but for me it feels like a blur. The summer is often one of those times that we are on the go trying to fit everything in that we want to do. Vacations, chores around the yard, hiking, time spent at the beach or the lake. The days are long, we move quickly because we know that summer will only last so long. We get a lot done as we are moving fast. As we slowly transition into the fall months we begin to slow down a little. Some of us who have been away for the summer return and church life starts to ramp up again. It is a time for us to remember that we are meant to travel together. Why? Because we are the Body of Christ, each with an important part to play, no part more important than the other, no gift or talent less than the other. This is a great time to remember that and to start thinking about how it is that you want to bring your gifts, your skills, your passion to Christ's church so that we indeed can go far, together. It is an exciting time for the church when a new pastor comes filled with new energy and new possibilities. Let's take advantage of that, let's meet and talk about your dreams for the church. Let's work together so that we indeed can travel far!

In Peace,
Rev. Mike

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Tues. - Friday., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Office Closed:

November Lantern
Deadline: October 15

Office Information



Sundays in October

Worship Leader: Wendy McLaughlin

10/7 World Communion Sunday/Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Youth are invited to remain in worship for communion

Flowers: Leavitt Trust Fund

Rockingham Association meeting in East Derry

10/14 Kick Off Sunday for Faith Promise

Hands On Learning in the Garden Room

Flowers: Booker Trust Fund

Youth will meet at 2:30 p.m. to put together college student care packages

10/21 Ukama Sunday

Hands On Learning in the Garden Room

Flowers: ?

Church Council Meeting after coffee hour

10/28 Faith Promise Continues

Hands On Learning in the Garden Room

Flowers: ?

Flowers

Sponsoring the altar flowers for Sunday worship is an easy way to serve the church and also a nice way to remember or honor a loved one. It is very simple, sign up on the worship board or contact the church office. The cost is \$40 and the flowers are delivered to the church. You can make your check out to UCCNH and write "flowers" in the memo line. The church office will contact you about a dedication. If you would like specific colored flowers please call the office 2 weeks before the Sunday you are sponsoring and Ellen will talk to the florist to arrange it. The following Sundays are open in 2018:

October 21 & 28

November 25

December 2 & 30

Calling All Bakers

On Sunday October 7th we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. I am looking for someone to make corn bread and a bread from a European country. If this is something that you are interested in please email (revmike@uccnorthhampton.org) or see me before October 2nd so that I can plan accordingly for that days worship service. Thank you in advance!

Rev. Mike



We Have Been Blessed!

Our previously planned member of the delegation visit from Zimbabwe, was cancelled due to her Visa not being granted. However, now there are 5 members arriving on October 12th and our partner church in Newmarket and our church have the incredible honor of hosting Rev. Dr. Menson Mfopu. He will be overnight for 2 nights in each town and the planning is still happening.

On October 15th, he will arrive mid day in North Hampton. It is hoped that he will be able to spend time with the chaplain at UNH in the morning. Here he will be treated to a ride in Craig Kelleher's 1934 Packard followed by lunch. Afternoon plans will include a trip to Applecrest as well as other local sites of interest.

On October 16th, he will enjoy a special breakfast with Rev. Mike followed by a day of speaking at North Hampton School. His day will be divided up between grades 5-8 and he will have lunch at the school. **After a short rest there will be a 5:00 potluck supper at our church in his honor. You are all invited to attend and meet him. Please bring a dish to share and if you plan to arrive at 6 or after, just bring a dessert. A sign up for helping with setup and take down will be available at the Sunday coffees.**

Rev. Mfopu has been the chaplain at Midlands State University in Gweru and the Minister of Ivvene Church in Gweru. He initiated the Ukama partnership between our two countries and has a wonderful connection with CTS where Deb Eaton is studying.

Other functions you are invited to attend:

Sunday, October 14th at 10 am, he will participate in the service of worship at Newmarket Community Church. (This is the church we fundraised with in order to bring a delegate to our church. Due to our participation, we have this time with Rev. Mpofu.)

On October 18th at 6:00 pm, there will be a potluck at North Church, 355 Spinney Rd in Portsmouth. Should you wish to attend, please see Linda Sherouse to sign up and let them know what you will bring. Rides can be arranged for those who choose not to drive after dark.

The delegation will tour NH and Boston during their time here and depart at 11 pm on the 29th. Please keep them in your prayers for safe and healthy journeys.

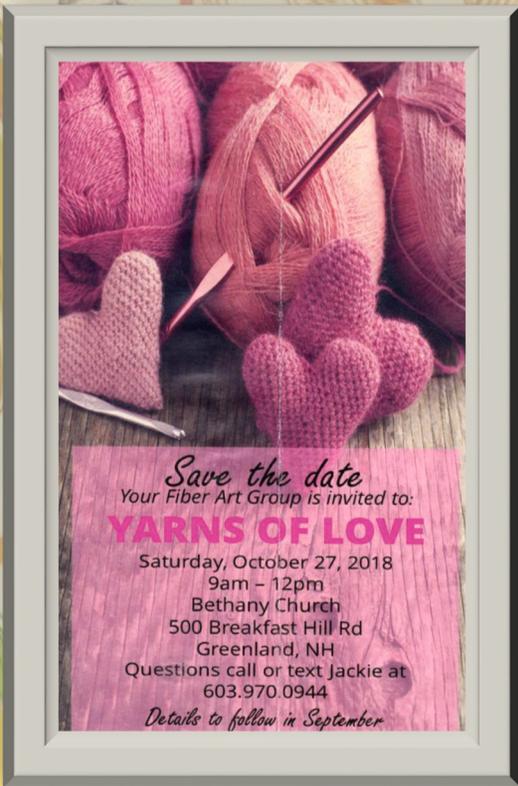


Neighbors in Need (NIN) will be collected in worship on Oct. 7

NIN is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that 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 this 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 UCC 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. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.



Dr. Menson Mpofu



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, October 3 at 1 pm in the Vestry

“Shawls... made for centuries, universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive and unconditional, loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, hug, shelter, and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles.” - Janet Bristow, founder of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Care and the joy of knitting and crocheting are combined into a prayerful ministry. Each shawl begins with prayers for the recipient. Sometimes the recipient is known, sometimes not. When the shawl is completed, it is blessed before being sent along its way. Shawls are given to those undergoing medical procedures; for comfort after a loss; for prayer or meditation; births and baptisms; commitment or marriage ceremonies; for birthdays and friendships.

Our Shawl Ministry meets on the first Wednesday of the month. We have time to knit together, make new friends and be a part of a wonderful outreach to others. Call Gail Hiltunen at (603) 964-6909 or Pam McDill (603) 494-2561 if you have any questions or would like a shawl to give to a friend or loved one.

Are you interested in learning how to knit? We'll teach you! Please join us.



Ladies Union hard at work!

Let's Celebrate!!!

BBQ at the Bandstand after service Sunday, October 14

We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. The Parsonage has had a complete make over after extensive work from many humble and generous members of our church family. Countless hands came together from a variety of needs such as shopping for appliances, ripping up all the carpets, scraping the carpet pads off the floor, prepping walls, floors, painting and cleaning.

This will be a community celebration extending invitations to all businesses and individuals who were involved in the renovations. Let's take the time to celebrate us and all those who made this happen for the arrival of Rev. Mike Gelsomini and his wonderful family.

Deb Eaton will take the lead to organize the food, Mike Higgins has volunteered to grill, and the church will provide meat. You, our congregation, will have the opportunity to sign up for a Pot Luck side dishes and desserts.

Respectfully,
Deb Sillay ~ Council Member



UCC Book Club

The UCC book club met at Gale Hiltunen's home in September to discuss our latest book: *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by David John and Lee Hyeon-seo. This was an amazing memoir that reminds us how lucky we are to live in our wonderful country.

Our upcoming book selections are listed below. Please feel free to join us.

- October 20th - Jane Boesch's home - [Little Fires Everywhere](#) by Celeste Ng
- November 17th - place TBD - [The Traitor's Wife](#) by Allison Pataki
- December 15th - place TBD - [Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine](#) by Gail Honeyman
- January 19th - place TBD - [Jayber Crow](#) by Wendell Berry

Hands-On Learning

Children are needed for missions if they so choose to accept them! Training for Special Agents of God continues through October. All children are welcome no matter what training they have received. It is never too late!



The first Sunday of October is Communion Sunday and the children are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the entire service. The theme is “Enfolding Love.”

The Second Sunday, the 14th, We will be Bible Detecting and Finding Clues. The theme is “What Must I Do?”

The Third Sunday, the 21st, The children will be figuring out clues to determine what service would help someone in the community. The theme is “Great Service.”

The last Sunday of October our Special Agents of God will be putting our sleuth training into action as we seek to catch people practicing an act of kindness. The theme is “Take Heart.”

New registrations for the children have been made available for 2018-2019. Yes it is that time of the year to update your child’s information for the church’s and my records. It is important to keep them up to date. Please bring them to me, or leave them in my mailbox in the church office by the 30th of this month.

I am excited to train my new Bible Detectives to become Special Agents of God.

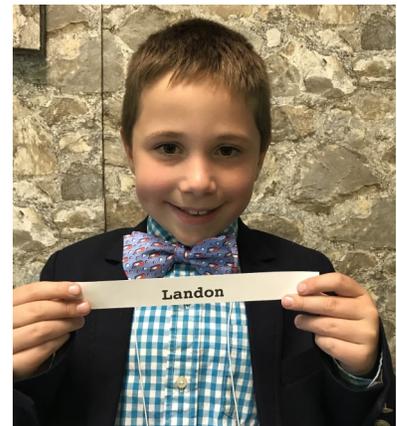
Blessings,
Pamela Sullivan
Faith Formation Coordinator



Youth Group Events

High Schoolers are invited Sunday, October 12 from 3 pm - 4:30 pm to create care packages for our UCC College Students. We will gather in the kitchen at UCC. It is a great way to let the college students know, their church family is thinking of them. Please direct any questions to Amy Choate at amychoate@gmail.com

The Interfaith Youth Group is planning a packing day with NuDay Syria on October 21st. Specific times and travel arrangements haven’t been made yet but anyone who’s interested is welcome to contact Liz Higgins at liz@oldsaltnh.com.



The Ladies Union is looking for volunteers to help the day of the Fair to support each table. Please consider helping at one of the tables while at the same time enjoying each other's company. Other ways you can help: donations of handcrafts, jewelry, silent auction items, Choice Treasure items, Soup, 5 year or less used books, gently used puzzles, food items for the kitchen luncheon.

The Ladies Union appreciates any and all contributions and donations. Donations of home baked goods including jams and pickles, cookies (for cookie walk), and items for silent auction will be gratefully accepted Friday, November 2 after noon in the vestry. Please leave books and puzzles in the Budd Room on the back wall the week before the fair. Choice Treasures can be left, AFTER the church service on October 28 in the front entry way of the church, being careful not to block doorways and stairs. Crafts can also be left there but please label them for the craft table.

If you own a business or feel comfortable in asking, gift certificates for the Silent Auction would be greatly welcomed.

The Fair will be a wonderful opportunity for all the church and community to take part in. Please put November 3 on your calendar and join the fun.

Please speak to Hope Miller or Joan Cuetara if you would be willing to help in any way.

Ladies Union Wish List for Fall Fair Luncheon

- ✧ 1/2 & 1/2: 1 quart
- ✧ Bacon: 2 lbs.
- ✧ Light cream: 1 quart
- ✧ Regular Potato chips (10 oz.): 4 bags
- ✧ Whole milk: 1/2 gallon
- ✧ White onions: 2 pounds
- ✧ Eggs: 3 dozen
- ✧ Sandwich size English muffins: 6 pkgs.
- ✧ Bread: 2 white, 3 wheat, 2 whole grain, 1 gluten free
- ✧ sliced ham: 1 pound
- ✧ sliced American cheese: 1 pound
- ✧ pre-packaged oyster crackers: 2 boxes
- ✧ iceberg lettuce: 1 head
- ✧ white tuna: 6 (5 oz.) cans in water
- ✧ all beef hot dogs: 3 pounds
- ✧ Pillsbury crescent rolls: 6 packages
- ✧ evaporated milk (12 oz.): 8 cans
- ✧ mayonnaise: 2 quarts
- ✧ mixed pickles (16 oz.): 8 jars
- ✧ white potatoes: 5 pounds
- ✧ creamed corn: 8 cans
- ✧ corn: 8 cans
- ✧ butter: 1 pound

Working on the Fair

The Ladies will be meeting in the Gold Room (upstairs behind the choir robes) each Tuesday in October from 1:00-2:30, beginning on October 2. Please join this activity and enjoy the company. Any help for any length of time is appreciated.

Ladies Union Meetings

The Ladies Union began their fall season on September 12th. It was nice to get back together after the summer months. Our priority for October 10th is the preparation for our November fall fair. Remember to bring your sandwich for our noon lunch and enjoy the dessert and drinks provided by our hostesses. More information will be provided at a later date regarding our programs for this year. All are welcome!





Dear Friends in Christ,
 Through generous donations from people like you, UCC Disaster Ministries is responding to the needs of people affected by 2018 hurricanes both within the United States and around the world. Donate now to deepen the impact of

our immediate response and long-term recovery work. Click on the following link or if this is a hard copy of the Lantern, type this into your internet browser: <https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/Disaster>

[Donate to hurricane relief](#)

Last month Hurricane Florence roared ashore in the US Carolinas. Although downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm, communities are experiencing mass flooding. The large scope of devastation is just beginning to be known. The UCC is responding.

Last month Super Typhoon Mangkhut (AKA as Ompong) created devastation in the Philippines, and also wreaked havoc in Hong Kong, China and other parts of Asia. Landslides, wind, and rain have claimed many lives, while others are missing. The UCC is responding. More storms are churning. Stay up-to-date on the [UCC response](#).

Your donation helps the UCC respond quickly to immediate disaster and long-term recovery needs. Our actions focus on the most vulnerable by addressing injustice, responding to the whole community, and filling gaps in service.

One hundred percent of UCC disaster relief funds are used for direct service to individuals and communities, and rehabilitation programming.

Make a secure online donation, or mail your gift made payable to the United Church of Christ:

[700 Prospect Avenue](#)

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Memo: 2018 Hurricane Relief



NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE
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Opportunities for learning and fellowship are available through Conference, thanks in part to our gifts to OCWM.

NHCUCC Annual Meeting

October 20 at the Grappone Center in Concord NH

9 a.m.

[Link to register](#)

Annual Meeting 2018 Frequently Asked Questions

Who May Participate in the Annual Meeting?

All are welcome – friends, visitors, delegates, lay and ordained church leaders, everyone! We look forward to seeing you at this important Conference-wide gathering.

Why Attend the Meeting?

- To conduct the business of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ.
- Join the other churches of the NH Conference in uplifting worship.
- Meet our new Conference Minister, the Rev. Gordon Rankin, members of the UCCZ Delegation, and our guest from Global Ministries.
- Learn more about the Conference's Ministries & Mission Groups.
- Experience the Keynote Address by Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray, Jr. as he speaks to our theme, "This is the day of the poured out spirit. Dreamers and Visionaries arise."

Who is Authorized to Vote at the Meeting?

"Those authorized to vote at meetings of the Conference are those delegates duly appointed by the churches, the Conference officers, members of the Board of Directors, and each ordained, licensed, or commissioned minister with standing in a New Hampshire Association." (Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2)

Please be aware that "Each church is entitled to four (4) lay delegates, one (1) of whom shall be under twenty-five (25) years of age at the date of election.

Churches with more than one hundred (100) members shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate for each one hundred (100) additional members or major fraction thereof." (Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3)

Who is Given Voice at the Meeting?

In addition to those mentioned in the previous question, special guests and those clergy who are serving without standing in an Association of the New Hampshire Conference may be granted voice during the meeting.

What is the Role of a Delegate to Annual Meeting?

- Vote and represent the local church at the Annual Meeting.
- Report back to the local congregation on the business and happenings of the Conference.
- A local church member to speak with about your views concerning current issues facing your church and the Conference.

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 6 pm Stewardship Mtg. (B) 7 pm Boy Scouts (C)	<i>2</i> 8:30 am Al-Anon (V) 1 pm Ladies Union Fair Prep (G) 7 pm Seacoast BISG (V)	<i>3</i> 1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (V)	<i>4</i> 9 am Fitness Group (V) 4 pm End 68 Hours of Hunger (C) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (M)	<i>5</i> 9:30 am Kitchen Table Group (V)	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 8 am Men's Breakfast (V) 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S) 10 am Worship (S) AW Coffee Hour (V)	<i>8</i> 5 pm Yoga (V) 6:30 pm Vitality Team Mtg (M&Y) 7 pm Boy Scouts (C)	<i>9</i> 8:30 am Al-Anon (V) 1 pm Ladies Union Fair Prep (G) 6:45 pm Blue Note Big Band (C)	<i>10</i> 11 am Ladies Union (V)	<i>11</i> 9 am Fitness Group (V) 4 pm End 68 Hours of Hunger (C) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (M)	<i>12</i> 9:30 am Kitchen Table Group (V)	<i>13</i>
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