



First Congregational Church of Wilmot, UCC

An Open and Affirming, Racial Justice Church

October 14, 2022 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will be celebrating our Ukama, our relationship with Eastlea Church in Harare, Zimbabwe! Through prayers and music we'll remember our friends across the ocean and hope to record a short greeting to share with them. It will be a festive time to remember and celebrate that connection.

After worship I hope you can join us for the viewing of the film 'Stitch, Breathe, Speak'. This short film will be a perfect introduction to the exhibit that will arrive the following week 'The Sacred Ally Quilts'. (For those of you unable to make it on Sunday, we will have a zoom viewing and discussion on Tuesday, October 18 at 7pm). Following the viewing we'll have some time for discussion and contemplation of the difficult but necessary themes that arise.

One more thing I wanted to bring to your attention. You will see under 'NH Conference Activities' below that the Economic Justice Mission Group of the NHCUCUCC invites interested folks to register for a webinar on Tuesday evening October 18th from 7:00-8:30 PM, called *Public Education and the Common Good Under Attack: Understanding the Free State Movement and Christian Nationalism in NH*.

Collaboratively offered with the NH Council of Churches, the American Friends Service Committee and the NH Faith & Labor Coalition, the webinar will feature journalist Jennifer Berkshire, co-author of the book [A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: The Dismantling of Public Education and the Future of School](#). Also featured will be Zandra Rice Hawkins of Granite State Progress and WNHN-FM radio host Arnie Arnesen.

The webinar planners explain, "This program is offered for people of faith and moral conscience to provide information about nationally-orchestrated, locally-manifested efforts to undermine what we value collectively as beloved community."

It is powerful and encouraging to hear and see the work for justice and connection that is happening on all levels of our church and denomination. Let us lift a prayer of praise and thanksgiving!

Rev. Sara

Sunday, October 9, 2022**Sunday Worship****10:00 am****Rev. Sara Marean Preaching****Worship - In Person or On-line**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88243169266>

Meeting ID: 882 4316 9266

One tap mobile

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Download Bulletin here

Assisting with Worship Kin Group IV, Lucy Mueller Deacon
Marty Hopkins reading the scripture

**Growing Food, Growing
Community – Part 2**

We will be talking about local food security efforts, and the power of growing and sharing local food in our community as we try to make sure everyone has enough.

We'll play a round of "Spent", a financial literacy game to experience the difficult choices of low-income living.

Sunday School
10:00 am
October 16, 2022

Stitch, Breathe, Speak**REMINDER:**

The film "Stitch, Breathe, Speak" will be shown and discussed during fellowship hour on Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

For those who cannot attend on Sunday, Sara will show and discuss the film at 7:00 on Tuesday, October 18 via Zoom.

Zoom link for the 18th



This Week's Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 16

10:00 am - Worship
in Person and Zoom

10:00 am - Sunday School - "Growing Food &
Community"

11:00 am - Stitch, Breathe, Speak - Allied Quilt
Program

Tuesday, October 18

7:00 pm - zoom showing of "Stitch, Breathe, Speak"
Allied Quilt Program

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86737343688>

Meeting ID: 867 3734 3688
One tap mobile

Thursday, October 20

12:30 - Kearsarge Area Seniors Luncheon

6:00 pm - AA Beginners Step

Sunday, October 23

10:00 am - Worship in Person and Zoom

Sunday School - Belonging to the Land

11:00 - 10th Anniversary Presentation of the Church
on The Rise

New Course About our Faith and Denomination!

Our next "Confirmation Class for Adults" session will take place at church on **Tuesday, October 25 at 6 p.m.** **You are welcome to come even if you were not able to attend the first session.**

Throughout the year, these sessions will explore some of the major themes and ideas in our religion and denomination. Sessions will focus on: God in Three Persons, The Bible, Christian History, UCC History, Polity, Theology, Worship, The Church in the World, and Other Faith Traditions.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Sara at revsara@wilmotucc.org

To see a reading list for the course ***click here!***

Church on the Rise Presentation



October 23rd at 11 am

Ten years ago, after severe flooding damaged the lower level of the church, the Church on the Rise committee was created.

Join us Sunday after church and learn more about this remarkable project and view a presentation that tells the story. A plaque will also be presented commemorating the 10 year anniversary.



...And Justice for All

The Quilts Are Coming!

Ten quilts sewn as a collaborative effort of nine United Church of Christ churches in New Hampshire will be on exhibit in our fellowship hall from October 26-30! Together these quilts memorialize the deeply painful last words of George Floyd whose public torture and murder in the spring of 2020 began the awakening of a country that has never fully reckoned with more than 400 years of trauma endured by black people. The goal of the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry is to help break the pattern of outrage and amnesia that follows racially motivated violence in America by keeping the story alive.

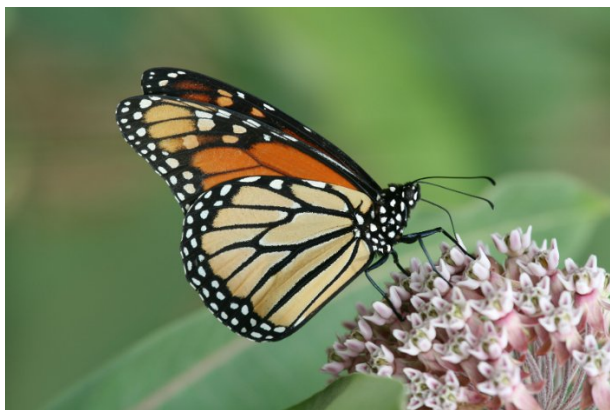
The quilts will be on display for the public at the following dates/times.

- 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, October 26
- 12-3 p.m. Thursday, October 27

- 9-12 a.m. Saturday, October 29
- 11:30-2:00 Sunday, October 30

When planning for the Sacred Quilt Experience, our church partnered with the First Congregational Church of Hopkinton. If you are unable to attend any of the exhibit times at our church, you are invited to attend the Hopkinton exhibit. The quilts will be on display in Hopkinton on October 20 and 21 from 6-8 and on October 22 and 23 from 11-3. The address of the FCCH is 1548 Hopkinton Road, Hopkinton.

Save the Monarchs – Plant Some Milkweed Seeds



Yes, the monarch is slip-sliding toward being endangered, but we can do something about it.

One problem is habitat loss, the key feature being the loss of milkweed plants. Milkweed is the one plant crucial to monarchs thriving.

At the back of the sanctuary in coming Sundays, you'll find a box of milkweed pods, which can be planted by you, your neighbors, or your friends. Each pod contains quite a few seeds, so a pod can go a long way.

Grab a few (bags are provided) and a list of pollen-rich flowers which monarchs love. We loosened 1-2" of soil and made sure the seeds were covered, which gave good results for us. You can no doubt find more specific planting instructions online or in a recent article in both the Concord Monitor and Valley News. God's creation will take it from there.

Because we planted with intention last fall, we still have more to harvest, so we'll replenish the box as best we can. As we've learned, a newly-hatched monarch is a pleasure to behold.

Allan & Marie MacDonald

Calendars for Prisoners

It's that time of year when calendars for 2023 have begun arriving in the mail. Please don't throw them out!

Over 3000 inmates at the Phoenix Facility outside Philadelphia are extremely grateful to have a calendar of their choosing on which to mark the passing of their days during the coming year. Calendars and pocket calendars (very popular!) are permitted as long as they **do not have a spiral binding, and do not have pictures of children or weapons.**

Collection boxes are now at the rear of the sanctuary, and downstairs by the fellowship hall entrance. Thank you!

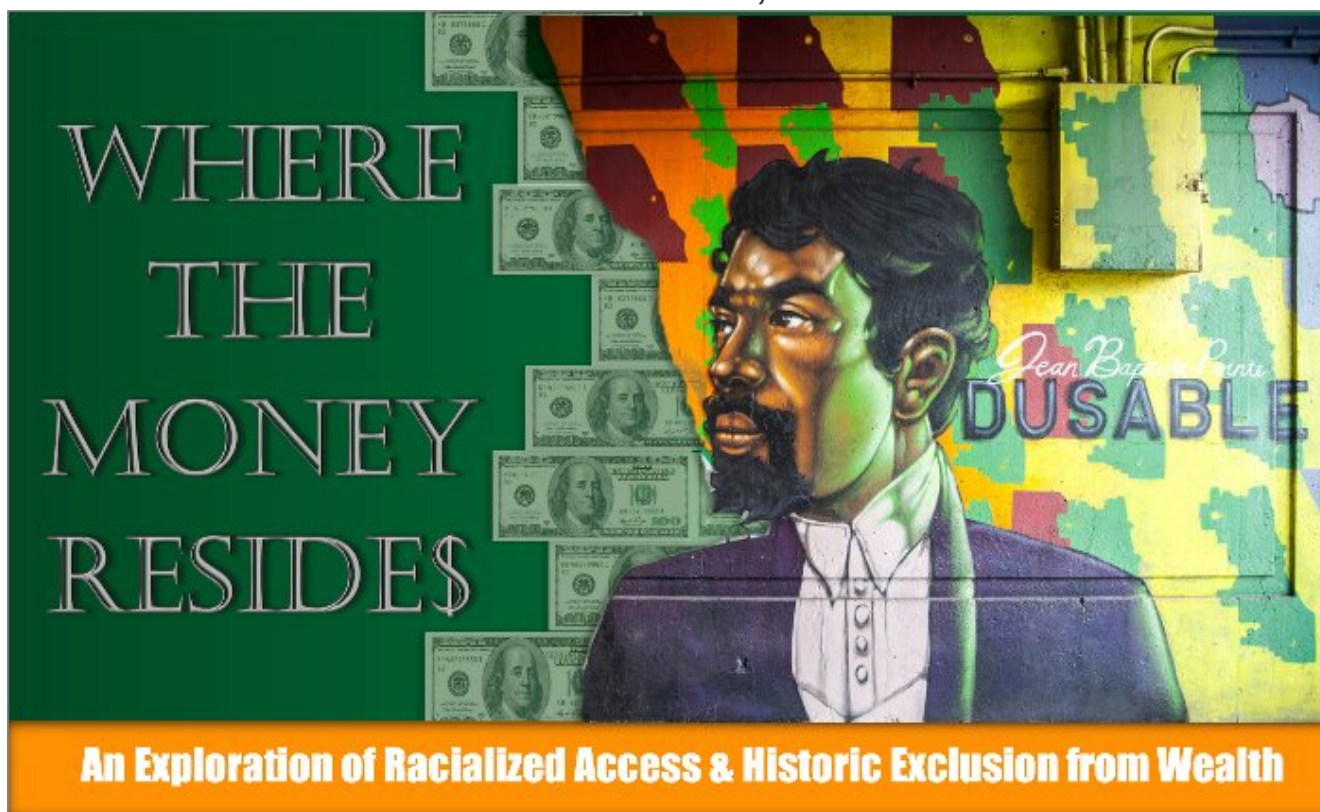
If you'd like to pray for a few of these men, please take a few of the Prison Prayer Partner slips from the envelope on the back rail of the sanctuary.

16th Annual Black New England Conference

Where the Money Resides: An Exploration of Racialized Access & Historic Exclusion from Wealth

A Virtual/Hybrid Conference

October 21-22, 2022



[Register Here](#)

Songs from Eagle Pond

Coming Up on **Saturday, October 29 – 7 p.m.**
at Proctor Academy Theater in Andover
“Songs from Eagle Pond.”

Graham Sobelman, pianist, and Maggie Hollinbeck, soprano

Concert is free – no reservations required.

New Hampshire Conference Activities

Special Program: Public Education and the Common Good Under Attack

Public Education and the Common Good Under Attack: Understanding the Free State Movement and Christian Nationalism in NH

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2022 WEBINAR
7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Offered by the

NH Council of Churches, and
Member Congregations

NH Conference
United Church of Christ,
Economic Justice Mission Group

NH Faith & Labor
Coalition

American Friends Service
Committee—NII Program

Worker Justice Ministry of the
Meriden Congregational Church

**Webinar
Registration
Required**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/
webinar/register/
WN_5R1RdltcSDiZlCw6cLnFcQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5R1RdltcSDiZlCw6cLnFcQ)

For more information, contact:
economicjustice.nhcucc@gmail.com

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Featuring
Jennifer Berkshire



— Journalist, co-author of *[A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: The Dismantling of Public Education and the Future of School](#)*, and creator and co-host of the education policy podcast “[Have You Heard](#).” Jennifer teaches in the Journalism Program at Boston College and the Education Studies Program at Yale University.

Plus

Insights on the “Free State Movement” from
Zandra Rice Hawkins of Granite State Progress

Moderated by WNHN-FM Radio Host and Policy
& Political Commentator **Arnie Arnesen**

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Merrimack Association Hosts Church World Service

Merrimack Association Hosts Church World Service November 13th @ 2 PM

Save the Date

CWS will be presenting about their work and conditions in Ukraine

**Meeting will be held at:
Sanbornton Congregational Church UCC
21 Meeting House Hill Rd. Sanbornton**

Celebrate with Sanbornton Congregational Church UCC the completion of
250 years of Ministry, Music and Mission.

uccsanbornton.org

pastorpaula1980@gmail.com

Register Now for the UCC New England Women's Celebration

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Celebration XI



register online
www.uccwc.org

[Register Here](#)

Rev. Sara's Office Hours

Rev. Sara will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and available via email or phone.

Church Office Hours

Janet Howe and Michiko Yamaguchi are in the church office on Fridays, 9 - 11 am

Links to UCC, NHCUCC and Wilmot UCC Resources

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