



## First Congregational Church of Wilmot, UCC

An Open and Affirming, Racial Justice Church

### October 28, 2022 Newsletter

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## Reflection from Rev. Sara

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we are honored to welcome Dr. Harriet Ward to our worship service. Dr. Ward is a founding member of the Sacred Allies Quilt Group and created several of the quilts herself. She is also the newly named Chair of the newly named Anti-Racism Mission Group of the NH Conference, which was formerly known as the Racial Justice Mission Group.

Speaking of quilts, we hope you will come to view the Sacred Allies Quilts and to bring your friends! This special exhibit is in our Fellowship Hall and is open to the public and available for viewing on Friday evening from 6-8, Saturday morning from 9-12, and Sunday afternoon from 11:30-2. This powerful art takes the last words of George Floyd and stitches them into an ancient art form known and beloved here in New England, the art of quilting. It speaks to God's call to communities of faith here in NH that we hear the cries for justice both here at home and across our nation. (A film about the construction of the quilts is available for viewing until Sunday. See the article below)

As we continue to live into the work of being and becoming an Anti-Racist Church we listen for voices that have been neglected or even silenced, we learn about a history that has all too often been obscured, even today, and we grow in hope that together we can bring the light of God's wisdom and love not only to our small corner of NH but to the broader world. May our lights shine and create a beacon of hope to a world in need.

In God's love,

Rev. Sara

Sunday, October 30, 2022

**10:00 am****Dr. Harriet Ward, Guest Preacher****Worship - In Person or On-line**

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88243169266>  
 Meeting ID: 882 4316 9266  
 One tap mobile  
 +19292056099,,88243169266# US

**Download Order of Worship**

Assisting with Worship Kin Group IV, Lucy Mueller Deacon  
 Donna Reed reading the scripture

Youth will remain in church during worship

## This Week's Calendar of Events

**Sunday, October 30**

10:00 am - Worship in Person and Zoom - Dr.  
 Harriet Ward Preaching

Sunday School remains in worship

11:30 am - Sacred Ally Quilt Program

**Tuesday, November 1**

9:30 am - Church Council

4:00 pm - Deacons

6:00 pm - Budget Committee

7:00 pm - Green Team via zoom

**Thursday, November 3**

12:00 - Ladies Aid Society

6:30 pm - AA Beginners Step

**Saturday, November 5**

7:30 pm - AA Meeting

**Sunday, November 6**

10:00 am - Worship and Communion  
 in Person and Zoom

10:00 am - Sunday School Remains in Worship

Daylight Savings Ends

## Sacred Ally Quilts are Here

The Sacred Ally Quilts arrived. The first showing was Wednesday. Viewing will be open to the public the following days:

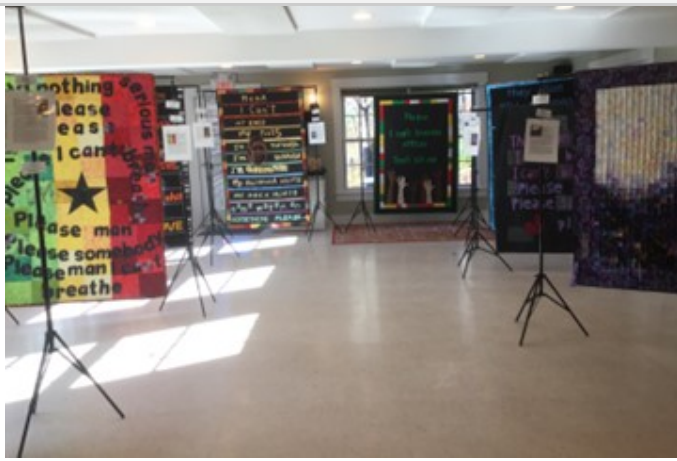
***Friday evening, October 28 from 6-8***

***Saturday morning, October 29 from 9-12***

***Sunday, October 30 from 11:30-2:00***

Special thanks to all of those who have volunteered to help with the display!

Blow are some pictures of the display in our church.



## It's Stewardship Time!

It's that time of year when we start thinking about how we want to steward our resources and support our church! You should have received a letter in the mail asking you to prayerfully consider your contribution this year. If not you can click on the tab below to read it. You will also see a pledge form. This can be downloaded here or paper copies are available at church.

Time and Talent sheets, the form that helps our Nominating and other committees know what you want to do, are available in church and in another tab. (You can download them here or fill them out online)

We thank you for all the many ways you continue to make FCCW the very special place it is!

[Stewardship Letter](#)

[Time and Talent Form](#)

[Pledge Form](#)

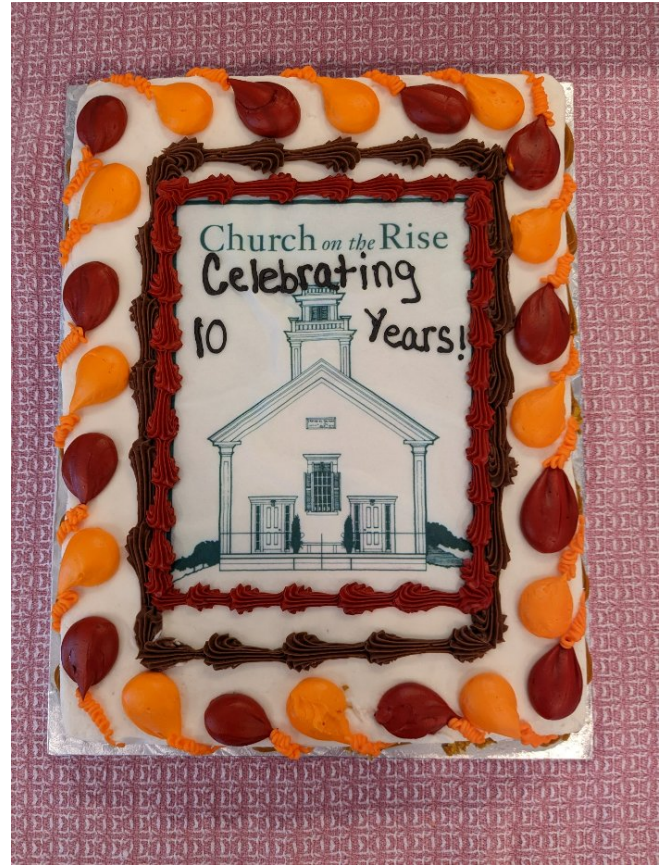
*[If you wish to fill out your Time and Talent form electronically, click here](#)*

## Church on the Rise Celebration

If you missed the presentation last Sunday, it can be seen on **our website.**



Church was moved back to do there.



...And Justice for All

## Stitch, Breathe, Speak: The George Floyd Quilts

A documentary film about the making of the quilts, "Stitch Breathe Speak: The George Floyd Quilts" can be viewed by anyone in the church community on their home computer from October 23 through October 31. To register for the film ahead of time, go to this link:

<https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/first-congregational-church-of-wilmot>

You will be asked to submit your name and email, and a reminder will be sent to you when the film becomes "live" for viewing. You can choose to watch it with closed captions, and view it more than once.

# JOIN US FOR A BLESSED TOMORROW AMBASSADOR TRAINING

FREE WEBINAR  
Saturday, November 5 | 11 AM - 3 PM Eastern



How do we link our faith to the climate crisis? How do we effectively talk about climate change with others? What opportunities do we have to make a difference in our local churches and communities?

These questions and more will be addressed in the Blessed Tomorrow Ambassadors Training Program that is being offered by the United Church of Christ and ecoAmerica. This free, virtual, interactive training will take place on Saturday, November 5th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm ET. Featured presenters include the Rev. Carol Devine, the Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, the Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallin, the Rev. Michael Malcom, and Andrew Wells-Bean. Training participants will receive a free copy of Berndt's book, *Cathedral on Fire: A Church Handbook for the Climate Crisis*. [Learn more and register here!](#)

## Calendars for Prisoners

The first box of 90 calendars has been mailed to the inmates at the Phoenix Facility outside of Philadelphia.

Do you have 2023 Calendars you aren't using? Bring them to the church and place in the collection boxes at the rear of the sanctuary or downstairs by Fellowship Hall. **(Calendars cannot have a spiral binding or pictures of children or weapons.)**

Inmates 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!)

## Songs from Eagle Pond - Saturday, October 29th

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.

## Faith Formation/Sunday School K-7 Gathering

One Sunday a month - 2 - 4 pm

few hours of fun activities, like a scavenger hunt, bible stories, snacks and service. We will be meeting at the **Laconia Congregational Church**, 18 Veteran's Square in Laconia.

Many of our churches have just a few children who attend Sunday School or Faith Formation gatherings, so the Merrimack Association is hosting monthly regional gatherings so that children can learn and grow their faith together in a large group.

Please email **Rev. Paula Gile** or **Diane Tinkham** if you have children who wish to attend this fun event. [pastorpaula1980@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpaula1980@gmail.com) or [tinkhams@metrocast.net](mailto:tinkhams@metrocast.net)

## Next Session on the Adult Course About our Faith and Denomination!

Our next "Confirmation Class for Adults" session will take place at church on **Tuesday, November 22 at 6 p.m.** You are welcome to come even if you were not able to attend either of the first two sessions.

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](mailto:revsara@wilmotucc.org)

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

## Register Now for the UCC New England Women's Celebration

# REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

## Celebration XI



register online  
[www.uccwc.org](http://www.uccwc.org)

Register Here

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

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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Justice Blog](#)

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