



First Congregational Church of Wilmot, UCC

An Open and Affirming, Racial Justice Church

November 18, 2022 Newsletter

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Reflection from Rev. Sara

Dear Friends,

You will recall that throughout the summer we gathered as KIN Groups to dream and brainstorm and reflect on what our values are as a community. The Mission Statement team (Steve Allenby, Bob Evans and Charlie Foss) has been hard at work this fall going through these responses and coming up with the first draft of our new Community Values! With much fanfare and gratitude for their work and your participation, we present the following First Congregational Church of Wilmot, UCC Values-

As disciples of the living God and followers of our teacher Jesus, with sustenance from the Holy Spirit, we are:

Striving to help each person on their unique spiritual journey, grounding ourselves in prayer and the Spirit,

Living our faith through compassionate caring and deep love,

Reaching out to create a more just and equal world,

Embracing our differences to become a church which affirms each person who enters our sanctuary as a child of God.

Now, remembering this is a first draft, we are looking for more of your input and feedback! If you have additions, changes, deletions or clarifications you feel are needed, please contact Bob Evans [via email](mailto:BobEvans@fcccw.org). We ask that you please have this feedback in no later than Sunday, December 11.

This Sunday Bob will provide more information about the data we gathered after worship, downstairs in the fellowship hall during coffee hour, and we hope to share some of this on our website in the weeks to come.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, of giving thanks for all that we have and all we have been given, we lift up a prayer of joy that as a community our values have brought us to this place!

Rev. Sara

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Sunday Worship

10:00 am

Worship - In Person or On-line**Rev. Sara Marean, Preaching****Ralph English, Music Director**

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 V, Marie MacDonald, Deacon

Sunday School



Thanks and Giving

Sunday School November 20, 2022

10:00 am at the Church



Now that we've practiced our own season of gratitude on last week's hike, we'll be giving back to the congregation by making Thanksgiving table favors for each household to take home to celebrate the true meaning of Thanksgiving!

Stewardship Sunday - November 20th

As members of this congregation we are not just stewards of this facility but also our common faith and aspirations. We exert influence, get things done, and move our mission forward. Our activities make us community leaders of the most important type, we are Disciples of Christ.

Behind all of our worthwhile endeavors are our core values that fuel the process. These values are the foundational principles that shape our motives and impact our decisions. What we do and how we do things will change from time to time, but our core values remain the same. We recently completed a value survey and would like to share the highlights with you this Sunday.

Our members have expressed a number of noble core values, but what sets our Christian community apart from the rest of the world is the fact that we recognize God as the owner of our worldly possessions. For this reason our first and most important core value is the principle of biblical stewardship.

This Sunday, Nov. 20 is Stewardship Sunday when your pledge form will be collected during worship. If you can't make it to church that Sunday, feel free to mail your pledge or bring it in any time! We thank you for all the many ways you continue to make FCCW the very special place it is!

Time and Talent sheets, the form that helps our Nominating and other committees know how you would like to be involved with our church community, are available in church and in another tab below. (You can download them here or fill them out online)

[Stewardship Letter](#)[Time and Talent Form](#)[Pledge Form](#)

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This Week's Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 20

10:00 am - Sunday School

Tuesday, Nov. 22

6:00 pm - Confirmation Class for Adults

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

6:30 pm - AA Beginners Step

Saturday, November 26

7:30 pm - AA Meeting

Sunday, November 27

**First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens**

10:00 am - Worship in Person and Zoom

Sunday School will participate in worship

Looking Ahead to Advent and Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 4th - 4:00 pm

Spiral Walk

Sunday, Dec. 11th - 10:00 am

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 18th - 10:00 am

Rev. Sara's last Sunday Worship Service at

FCCW

Christmas Eve

Saturday, Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm

Lessons and Carols

Church Snapshots



All Saints Sunday



Fall 2022

Sunday School Gratitude Walk

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



Religious Education

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

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 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!](#)



...And Justice for All

What is UCC Basic Support

When you review the budget for the coming year you will see a category under “Justice and Witness Expenses” called UCC Basic Support. In 2022-23 this line item was \$5000! So where does this money go?

Also known as Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM), UCC Basic Support helps fund four critical areas of the UCC ministry: Ministerial support, mission work, social justice, and conferences. One example of how OCWM impacts the global community can be seen in its recent response to Pakistan. You will recall that massive flooding occurred across nearly three-quarters of the country, with half of the country’s 160 districts being declared “calamity hit” by the government. More than 33 million people have been affected by the flooding so far and an estimated 6.4 million will be in need of humanitarian aid. OCWM immediately stepped up to the plate offering support to Pakistan with emergency food and water, medical supplies, temporary shelter kits, and protective services.

Additional fund raising efforts will provide further support...Farmers and livestock owners will receive seeds, feed, and vaccines. Pregnant women will receive maternal health services. Safe places will be created for children and other vulnerable populations. Psychosocial support and trauma resources will be provided.

So, when you see UCC Basic Support as a line item in our budget, rejoice because you belong through this church to a much larger and more world-changing church, the United Church of Christ.

Calendars for Inmates - Deadline December 4

A huge THANK YOU to all who have so faithfully donated 2022 calendars for prison inmates! You're making a difference in people's lives!

We have collected over 200 calendars so far, and have already mailed the first two boxes to Pennsylvania. There is a women's transitional unit now associated with the men's correctional facility to which we send them, so even more people will be touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity.

We will continue to collect calendars until **Sunday, December 4**, so that we can get them into the mail in time for inmates to choose their favorite before the new year begins. (Just a reminder that 8.5 x 11” calendars are preferred so that they can be mailed in flat rate boxes. Spiral bindings, and calendars with images of children or weapons, are not permitted in the correctional facility.)

Looking Ahead to Advent and Christmas

Time to Order Poinsettias



donations to purchase poinsettia plants to beautify the sanctuary.

After the Christmas Eve service, the plants will be available for you to take home (or will be delivered to a shut in or neighbor if you choose to donate them). If you would like to have your plant delivered, I (Lucy M.) will be delighted to do that for you.

You can also choose to support camperships with this form.

You can order and pay on-line using the buttons below or you can download the form and send with a check made out to First Congregational Church of Wilmot (FCCW) with "Poinsettia" in memo line to FCCW, PO Box 204, Wilmot, NH 03287 or give it to Lucy on Sunday.

Poinsettia and
Campership On-line
Order Form

Pay on-line

Download Order Form

Advent and Christmas at FCCW-UCC

Celebrating Advent and Christmas

First Congregational
Church Wilmot UCC



November 29th - 10:00 am

Hanging of the Greens during Worship

December 4th - 10:00 am

Communion Sunday

4:00 pm

Spiral Walk

December 11th - 10:00 am

**Christmas Pageant & Caroling
after Church**

December 18th - 10:00 am

Rev. Sara's Last Sunday Worship Service

December 24th - 5:00 pm

**Christmas Eve Service of
Lessons and Carols**

In Our Community

Community Celebration of Lessons and Carols



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 11 @ 4:00 p.m.

Singers, you are invited to join
the Community Choir in this beautiful service
as we celebrate the Coming of Christ.

**Rehearsals will be held on
Saturday, December 3 & 10
9:00 a.m.**

**First Baptist Church
461 Main Street, New London**

Toys for Tots



The Toys for Tots program for families in need of gifts for the holiday season is located in the Kohl's shopping center in West Lebanon where the Olympia Sports store used to be.

It will be open beginning November 22nd.

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

[Online Giving](#)



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[The Pollinator:
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