

News Blast!

Friday, May 5, 2023
Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC



Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9 AM – 3 PM
The front door is unlocked during those hours.



This Sunday, as we gather around the Communion Table, we will seek guidance for the living of our days. What are the questions that we need to ask? Who will have the answers? Join us in-person or online as we seek the wisdom of the ages to sustain us in the week ahead.

When we work together great things can happen!

Thanks to everyone who stepped forward with donations to The Little Free Food Pantry during the month of April and an anonymous person who matched their giving, a total of \$3,390 was raised to help our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity.



Please don't get scammed by fake emails from Pastor Lovett

Unscrupulous and nefarious individuals will create a fake email address and pretend to be Campbell asking for gift cards, money or information. This has already happened and will surely happen again. Please don't get fooled! Campbell will never, ever, ever ask anyone for funds or information via email. If you get an email allegedly from the interim pastor asking for money, please delete the email after reporting it as a phishing email or scam. Thank you!

**The next Men's Breakfast will meet on
Friday, May 12th, 8-9 a.m.,
at the Water Street Cafe!**

Hello folks, I and the church office got our wires crossed

regarding dates for the breakfast. The originally planned dates were May 12th & 26th. Since only one gent showed up today, let's go back to Plan A and meet next Friday, May 12, at the Water Street Café.

See you then,
John



Spring Rummage Sale

Congregational Church of Laconia (Church Hall)
18 Veterans Square

Thursday, May 18th (5 to 7 p.m.)
Friday, May 19th (9 to 3 p.m.)
Saturday, May 20th (9 to 1 p.m.)

Saturday is BARGAIN DAY. There will be a charge at the door of \$3 for a paper sack and \$5 for a box, which will be provided to you. Fill it up to overflowing for one low price.

Come shop an incredible variety of housewares, adult and children's clothing, furniture, collectibles, games, toys, and more.



Please Spread the News!

Find the **Spring Rummage Sale** event on Facebook and invite your friends!
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1165531257437614/>

SWEATERS RECEIVED!

These beautiful sweaters, that were hand-knit by our **Stitches of Love** group, have arrived in India! Ann Peck, who runs the organization **Kids Health India**, delivered the colorful sweaters and hats



to children in Kodai Kanal. The children live at a high elevation and it can be very cold for the families who are living in extreme poverty. The main focus of Kids Health India is to help improve the air quality in living spaces by installing smokeless stoves. These are typically one room shacks without plumbing or electricity. Our Church has had a long relationship with Ann and we're glad to support her efforts. Many thanks to the knitters and to all those who contribute with financial gifts.



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Stitches of Love

Stitches of Love will be adding knitted or crocheted HATS to our fall Outreach projects. Any styles or colors welcome - for kids, women and men! If anyone is interested in starting early, we have plenty of free yarn available.

**A Benefit Concert
to Help the Children of Ukraine
Saturday, May 13 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm**

**Featuring Pianist Noelle Beaudin
and Violinist Aniko Geladze**

Donations for Ukraine's children will be gratefully accepted.
All proceeds will go to Save the Children of Ukraine.



**The Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia
172 Pleasant Street, Laconia
Light refreshments will be served.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE
AND DISTRIBUTION OF LIFE-SAVING BLANKETS AROUND THE WORLD.**



Be part of the *miracle*. Blanket the world with *love*.

How can we meet our sisters and brothers in their greatest moment of need?

Everyday, someone in the world experiences hard times. When difficulties happen, a simple act of kindness can make a difference and be the miracle someone was praying for.

You can be a part of that miracle. By partnering with CWS through our Blankets program, you can respond to neighbors in their greatest moment of need in a practical and hands-on way.



"It's a miracle what Church World Service does and you are a part of that miracle."

— REV. DR. TIMOTHY C. AHRENS,
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH, COLUMBUS, OHIO

 **CWS** | [CWSBLANKETS.ORG](https://www.cwsblankets.org)



LUNCH AND LEARN

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

12 NOON TO 1 PM

This interactive workshop will have you on your feet!

Downtown Gym staff, volunteers, and members will demonstrate the nationally recognized "Rock, Steady, Boxing" program. Not just about boxing, this program helps individuals with Parkinson's deal with the physical, social, and emotional challenges that they face. Several members of our church are actively involved on a weekly basis in this life changing program, including Muff, Catherine, and Don.

Note that this workshop is on **Tuesday**, not the usual Thursday!

HORTON CENTER SUMMER CAMP 2023 CHALLENGE

"Pastor, how can we get these bats out of our belfry?" asked the church trustee.
"Confirm'em," quipped the pastor.

How do we get kids *into* the church family? *Send them to camp!*



Pictured above: Horton Center's 2022 High School Week participants see if you can find one of "our" campers Jennah Valovanic.

The Educational Ministries Committee wants to do just that - send kids to Horton Center, the NH United Church of Christ's camp on Pine Mountain.

Ed Min's goal is to provide this faith experience for any young person and is calling upon the congregation to help make it happen. Please give generously to the Horton Center Campership Fund. A donation to "Congregational Church of Laconia" with "Campership Fund" in the memo line mailed or dropped off at the church office **before May 15th** is all it takes!

Come and Worship

We welcome and invite you to worship with us in any of these ways.

!!! In Person !!! at 9:30 AM, or via Livestream

- Via livestream through YouTube Sundays starting at 9:25AM:
Go to **YouTube** and search for Congregational Church of Laconia
- On our website www.laconiaucc.org any day and any time.
- On Public Access TV Channel 25 Sundays at 4pm and 9:30pm or Mondays at 5am.

If you are new to the church, please introduce yourself! Let the Church Office know if we can help you in any way! 603-524-0668. Seeking to be the church God desires for us to be.

Visit our website

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