

Congregational Tidings



*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

A weekly newsletter



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August 22, 2018

**Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 26, 2018
10:30 am**

**Greg Holt will present
the message:
*God, Improv and the
Art of Living***

**Worship Leader
Russ Forcum**

**Children's Lesson
Greg Holt**

**Special Music
Siena Fah**

**Deacon-In-Charge
Cindy Thompson**

**Acolytes
Janice Akin
Nancy Heinick**

**Greeters
Audrey Adams-Sorge
(Sanctuary)
Ed and Eileen Dams
(Crossroads)**

Nicaragua Shoe Boxes



If you aren't able to shop or don't like to shop but would like to help with the Nicaragua Shoe Boxes, you're in luck!!
Connie Jo and Jayne will shop for you. Make a donation and write Nicaragua in the memo line. \$35 is the average price per box and in the past we have filled as many as 65 boxes with your generous donations!! Look forward to shopping for you!!

Weekly Events

Wed., August 22
5:30 pm - Bells Practice
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Sun., August 26
10:30 am - Worship

Wed., August 29
5:30 pm - Bells Practice
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thurs., August 23
Meals on Wheels

Mon., August 27
9:00 am - Quiltmakers

Sun., September 2
10:30 am - Worship

RELIGION

Barbara (Fischer) Hatinger 6/12/2018

Kneeling rosaries

Whirling dervishes

Prayer rugs at dawn

Candles at sundown

Groves of ash trees

Ashes in the Ganges

Small family shrines

Gigantic stone circles

Steaming sweat lodges

Robes..... Shawls Hats

Songs..... Chants..... Incantations

Words..... Shouts..... Silence

Diversity of forms,

Commonality of intent.....

Connection to Divine Spirit.

(Can you identify the different religions referenced above?)

Condolences



Our condolences to Ruth Brower, who's husband, Ken passed away Monday morning, August 20th. Please keep Ruth in your thoughts and prayers.



Below are some items that have been requested several times, but tend not to be available from the food bank.

- ~ Peanut Butter
- ~ Canned Tuna
- ~ Canned Chicken
- ~ Toilet Paper

Any donations of these items would be greatly appreciated.

Planting Seeds will Never Be Easier than this . . . are you in?

The more people who know what's going on at First Congregational UCC, the better ... right? We want to *plant as many seeds* as we can in our community and world. To that end, we invite you to add people to receive an electronic email version of Tidings each week. This could be anyone who you believe would like to know what has happened or all the good things that are going to happen at First Church. Our Tidings will be full of good information that should be shared with more than just our church family. Interested others could be family members, neighbors, friends, co-workers ... anyone. It doesn't matter where they live or if they already have a church home.

Help us *Plant More Seeds*, won't you? If you know anyone who may like weekly information through our Tidings, please contact Michelle in the church office at 319-234-8927 or at michelle@firstcongucc.org with the information below. (Of course, anyone preferring *not* to receive Tidings for any reason will be taken off the list immediately.) It doesn't cost us a nickel and it may just make someone's day a little brighter!

Michelle will want to know:

- The email address of the person you think would like to receive Tidings
- Whether they are a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker, or other

Thanks for Helping Us Grow Our Garden!! Plant More Seeds!!



Thank you once again for all the prayers, cards, visits and well wishes while I have been recovering from a stroke. I am now back home.

~ Peter Blankenfeld

"a place to call home"

In New Hampshire's Baker River Valley a small country church Brims with friendly people who savor common sense, Characters! ready to laugh or share a garden's bounty with a neighbor, Surrounded by bigger churches preaching hell-fire and damnation.

At Sunday services in the gathering of its faithful people, He arrives early and waits, rain, shine or bitter snow storm, Finds his favorite spot as he rests in the center aisle, Like the church he's brown and a friendlier dog can't be found!

Greets us wagging his bushy tail, Dreams peacefully through sermons and liturgy, Doesn't mind if you scratch his ear, demands nothing, Helps visitors and those who hurt know they're invited!

This flesh and blood parable lives at the bottom of the hill, Brings calm as he soothes our weary bodies and spirits, Knows he is loved and loves right back, We leave rested, assured of our place in heaven's mansions.

david walters
Sunday, August 5, 2018



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Here

Create an endowment of love. Please consider including our church in your estate planning.

F I R S T C O N G R E G A T I O N A L U C C



What: Welcoming the Spence Family & Rally Day!!

When: Sunday Sept 9

Following service join us for a grill out
provided by our Religious Education Board

Who: Everyone!!

Join us for the kick off to Sunday School

Fellowship at 9:00 in the Chapel

Sunday School 9:15-10:15

We will kick off the year with a fun project for ALL ages!!