

The Congregational Church of Amherst, NH,
United Church of Christ
Amherst, New Hampshire

VILLAGE SPIRE

March 2023



Creative Worship

Sunday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m.

“Giving”

Mark your calendars! Creative Worship is on the third Sunday of the month! The theme for our church year is WHY WE WORSHIP! Each month we'll focus on a different part of our worship service and explore why we include it and how it connects with our faith.

In March, our worship theme is “Giving” and this month our focus is on the Offering, the time in our service where we lift up our gifts of time, talent and treasure. This will also be “Faith Promise Sunday” – as we celebrate our giving to our annual Stewardship Campaign, which supports the many ministries of our church. All are invited to bring their pledge cards which we'll collect during a special offering! We hope you can join us for this service, in-person or on online, as we continue on our Lenten journey.

Giving

Rev. Maureen Frescott, Senior Pastor
March 2023

*One Sunday morning, a little boy was sitting in church
listening to the pastor's sermon go on and on,
when he turned to his mother and said:
“If we give her the money now, do you think she'll let us go?”*

Nobody likes to talk about money. Apart from investment bankers, business owners, and tax preparers (and they're getting paid to do it). Nobody likes to talk about money in church. No matter how we euphemize it, reframe it, or wrap it up in a spiritual bow. No matter how many verses of scripture we quote about generosity. No matter how often we point out that the Bible mentions money, wealth, or possessions a multitude of times (over 2300 times if you're counting), or how many of Jesus' parables focus on money (11 out of 39). No matter how carefully we emphasize that God calls us to be generous with our time, talent AND treasure. As soon as the topic of money, stewardship, or “giving” comes up in church, many of us tune out, turn off, or push back. Especially if we have an uncomfortable relationship with the topic in any setting.

One comment that nearly every church hears in congregational surveys is: “This church talks about money too often.” And these folks are not wrong. Because every church does talk about money, a lot. Whether it's the weekly offering, the quarterly fundraisers, the annual Stewardship Drive, or a once-every-twenty-years Capital Campaign, it can feel like all we ever talk about in church is money. The need to give. How much we give. Who does and doesn't give. How much more

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Lenten Study Series

Wednesday Evenings on ZOOM

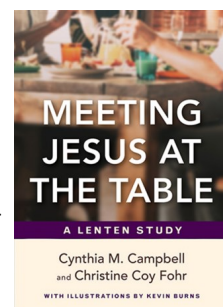
March 8, 15, 22, and 29

6:30-8:00 p.m.

For four Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will gather on Zoom to discuss a wonderful new Lenten study: **Meeting Jesus at the Table**, by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr.

With passionate words, evocative illustrations, and engaging discussion questions, the book invites us to move through this Lenten season using the familiar table stories from the Gospels. Like moving from house to house in a progressive dinner, at each stop we gather at a different table with Jesus, learning how to love, serve, and expand the hospitality of God's grace to others.

Pastor Maureen and Pastor Kate will alternate as facilitators of the sessions. The book is available for order online and we have copies in the church office available for purchase for \$15. Each session will focus on two of the eight chapters in the book. If you don't have the time or the space to add a weekly reading to your plate join us anyway! We'll pull out quotes and passages to seed our discussion and all are welcome to participate! RSVP to pastormaureen@ccamherst.org to receive the Zoom link, or find it on our church website in the Member's section.



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A Parish Newsletter

The Congregational Church of
Amherst, NH, United Church of Christ
11 Church Street
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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The church office is open
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and
is available by telephone and email
Monday through Friday.

Send in all newsletter articles
by the fifteenth of the month.

Items for the Sunday bulletin
are due Thursday morning.

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Blankets for Bruce

Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, homelessness and poverty are always with us. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the Church World Service Blankets+ program was created—to give a kind, loving, and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. When our neighbors are in need, \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

Last year we renamed our congregation's annual Blankets+ appeal to 'Blankets for Bruce,' in memory of Bruce Beckley, a beloved member of our church. This appeal was very near and dear to his heart and this is a special way to honor his passion for outreach.

Your contribution to the CWS Blankets program not only gives people around the world supplies to keep them safe and healthy but hope, warmth and a reminder that they are loved.

How to donate:

Use the special CWS Blankets envelopes in the pews.

Not attending church in person? No problem!

a. Online: Visit our church's custom donation page on the CWS Blankets site:

<https://cwsblankets.org/virtual/ccamherst/>

b. Mail a check to CCA, 11 Church Street, Amherst and indicate "Blankets for Bruce" in the memo line.

Thank you for your support and for helping neighbors near and far stay warm.



Adult Ed Series:

Understanding the New Testament

Wednesdays, March 1 and 15
10:00-11:30 a.m. on Zoom

Why do we have four Gospels? Why do they contradict each other at times? What was the purpose of Paul's letters? What is the Book of Revelation really about? Join us as we take a year-long look at the New Testament through this video lecture series produced by The Great Courses. We'll examine the original contexts of these writings and the people who wrote them, giving us a new perspective on these ancient texts. We'll watch the video together as a group and then have a discussion facilitated by Pastor Maureen. The class meets every first and third Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. Contact pastormaureen@ccamherst.org to receive the Zoom link, or access it on our church website in the Members section under "Wednesday Adult Ed."

A New Look at the New Testament - Remaining Series Schedule

March 1:	Gospel of Mark: Jesus as the Suffering Son of Man
March 15:	Gospel of Matthew: Jesus as the New Moses
April 5:	Gospel of Matthew: The Church
April 19:	Gospel of Luke: God's Salvation
May 3:	Luke and Acts: Luke's Inclusive Message
May 17:	Acts: The Apostles and the Church



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we could do as a church if people gave more. How much we'll have to cut or eliminate if giving doesn't improve.

Perhaps so many of us are weary and leery of talking about money in church because so many of us are having (or avoiding) the same conversations at home. If we're concerned about rising heating costs, growing grocery bills, or balancing our own budgets at home, the last thing we want to do is come to church on Sunday morning and listen to folks talk about rising heating costs, growing electric bills, or the current budget deficit the church is facing. Especially if we're coming to church to leave those concerns and anxieties behind, or to find a bit of respite from a world that asks so much of us already.

The challenge is this: being a church in the world costs money. The building, the programs, the staff, the outreach and mission all come with dollar signs attached. Especially in churches like ours - where we are "congregational" with a small "c" as well as a capital "C". Meaning we don't have a ruling body above us that funnels money into our coffers (or bank accounts, to use a more modern term). We are an autonomous entity within a denomination of autonomous entities. The money we give flows up - to the Conference and National bodies - who in turn give out to those in need on our behalf and offer support to our individual churches in a myriad of ways. But in terms of money, there's very little flowing down. And that's the way we like it. Being "congregational" means no one has power over us because they hold the purse strings. But this also means our entire church budget is funded by the people in our pews, and the few organizations that rent space in our building.

This is why we pass the offering plate during worship, come up with fun ways to fundraise, and ask people to consider committing to a yearly pledge, so we'll know how much money we'll have in the coming year to continue to do all that we do as a church. Asking for money, like talking about money, is never fun or easy. As much as we want to talk about the heating bills and the rising health care costs for staff, this is not what compels people to give. People will give to improve a beloved historic building (as we saw with our recent, very successful Capital Campaign) but we all have heating bills at home, and there's nothing soul-giving about them. We pay them obediently and reluctantly, not with hope and joy in our hearts. What does compel us to give is purpose. And our congregation does give, generously, when a connection is made between our purpose and our giving. When donations are needed for SHARE or our Home Starter program. When supplies are needed for our Vacation Bible School. When Andrea needs new equipment for the office. When we take a leap of faith and hire a Church School Coordinator or call an Associate Pastor, knowing that deficits are very real but also surmountable, because we trust that God is a partner on this journey and we are not walking it alone.

So, from March through May we'll be hearing all about church budgets and bills and deficits, as we move through our annual Stewardship Campaign. You'll also hear people talking passionately about what this church means to them. The connections that got them through their grief. The music that fills their cup as they care for aging parents. The youth program that kept their teen alive. The opportunities to serve that opened their eyes to a greater need. When we listen to others talk about why being a part of this church is meaningful for them, we can't help but think about what we find meaningful as well. And on March 19th, Faith Promise Sunday, we'll be asked to commit whatever we can afford to give to support all that we do as this Community of Christ.

Like the little girl who thought about what she might receive in return for her generosity (escape from an overly wordy pastor!), we too can't help but think about what we receive in return when we give. Yet, we give to this church not just so we'll have a building in which to worship, opportunities to serve, and a place to go when we think no one else will take us in. We give to this church, we give to God, to ensure that others may find a warm, welcome, and wonderful home here as well.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Maureen



Vacation Bible School is Coming This Summer!

We will be blasting off to outer space and learning how to shine Jesus' light. We hope you can join us August 14-18, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration information will be coming soon for participants 3 years old through rising 5th graders. Older youth and teens can help as station assistants and crew leaders. Adult volunteers are needed to fill many roles! Contact Larissa Riley if you would like to help or have questions.



Choir Notes

It has been a busy time for our choirs!

We continue to pray for Michael's recovery from bypass surgery. He is doing well and is very appreciative of the love and prayers from this congregation.

As we prepare music for Lent and Easter, we are grateful for our church's support in our music ministry. Our dedicated and talented musicians rehearse every week, learning new music and enjoying the fellowship of making music together. We have welcomed several new members into the Chancel Choir. It is a wonderful way to get involved in the life of this church.

When do the choirs rehearse?

The Chancel Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

The children gather after church in the vestry with Mrs. Phelps.

If you are interested in singing or ringing please contact me!

kalben1@comcast.net or (603) 759-6468

Sara Phelps, Director of Music

Community Suppers

ALL ARE WELCOME!



We are THRILLED to announce that we are again hosting a Community Supper, for the first time since COVID! Our Community Spaghetti Supper will take place at our church on Tuesday, March 28 from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Our mission is to provide healthy food and friendship for all in the local community. Meet new friends and enjoy a tasty meal! Fun, food, and fellowship are guaranteed!

We will need many volunteers to host this event, so please consider signing up to volunteer. Full details can be found on the [Community Supper](#) webpage, the [SOS](#) page, or by clicking the links below.

[Community Supper Volunteer Roles & Responsibilities](#)

[Community Supper Volunteer Signup Form](#)

Time to Talk



As my time at the Congregational Church of Amherst comes to a close, I'm thinking prayerfully about good ways to say goodbye. Part of a good goodbye (in my opinion) is personal connection and sharing gratitude for our time together. If you'd like to connect one-on-one, please do not hesitate to reach out via email (pastorkate@ccamherst.org). I'd love to find a time to get a cup of coffee or lunch and reflect on the joys of our shared ministry.

Peace,
Pastor Kate

Introducing Linda Lannin

Six years ago, Linda Lannin joined our church after moving to Mont Vernon from Mason, where she had been a longtime active member of the Mason Congregational Church. Looking for a new church, Linda was attracted to The Congregational Church of Amherst because of the quality of the pastors, the music, and the sense of community.

Linda encourages church members to get involved in both our church and the wider church. She has served in the lay leadership of the NH Conference of the UCC, and is currently a member of its Board of Directors as Budget Coordinator. She has also served on various Committees of the Hillsborough Association and as its Moderator. She has found working at these levels of our denomination to be a rich experience, which has given her a much broader understanding of how the NH Conference and all its churches are interconnected. She highly recommends attending the Conference's *Prepared to Serve* program for its workshops and fellowship. Although not a presenter herself at this year's *Prepared to Serve*, Linda reports that two CCA members, Tom Werst and Herb Archer, will be making a presentation on how churches can switch to renewable resources.

Linda has also become involved in the leadership of our church by serving for several years on the Stewardship Team. She admits that she was hesitant at first when asked to join Stewardship, but is now glad to be a part of it. She has found the team's outreach to church members about pledging well received. This year's pledge drive will be starting soon, with March 19th the date of Faith Promise Sunday.

Linda has been active in our church's Racial Justice Group since it first started as a book study almost three years ago. The group is now reaching out to promote racial justice in the wider community. In February of 2024 our church will host an exhibit of the Sacred Allied Quilts, a project of nine NH UCC churches, whose members made quilts reflecting George Floyd's last words. Chris Owen, who was formerly associated with CCA, and whom Linda knew when he was pastor at the Mason church, has made a movie about the quilt project, which will be shown while the display is at our church.

An Occupational Therapist her entire career, Linda works for the Hollis Public Schools. She and her husband John, who have been married 34 years, live with their dog, Bodi. They are the parents of Ross, a United States Marine Corps helicopter pilot, and Katie, a business manager at Lincoln Labs. Maintaining physical fitness is important to Linda. She works out at a "mini-gym" in her house set up during COVID, and also enjoys outdoor sports, especially skiing, snow shoeing and running.

Our church is fortunate that Linda chose to make the CCA her church home.

Written by Adrienne Topliffe



SHARE Food Pantry

The SHARE Food Pantry continues to be busy. Please know your donations are needed and truly appreciated.

March Pantry Requests: pancake mix and syrup, condiments, cooking sauces and seasonings, cooking oils, jelly, cold cereal.

Donations should be brought directly to the SHARE Center in Milford. Thank you for your continuous support!



The Racial Justice Group Welcomes YOU!

Have you heard that the Congregational Church of Amherst has a Racial Justice Group? Are you curious to learn more? The members of the Racial Justice Group would love to chat! You are invited to reach out to Steve Boczenowski, Sally Bowkett, Gail Miller, Lee Bowley, Stuart Coon, Linda Lannin, Sheryl Gottwald, and Joan Egbertson. Any one of them would love to treat you to a cup of coffee and have a conversation about their journey to antiracism work, and the impact it has had on their lives.

Or join us for a meeting! The Racial Justice Group meets on the second Sunday of the month after worship. The group is dedicated to learning about the impact of racism and acting to bring about God's love and justice in and beyond our community. Through reading, discussion and service, CCA's Racial Justice Group seeks to live more fully into Christ's call to love our neighbor as ourselves.

All who seek to learn more are welcome to join—you do not need to have participated in past meetings to join the conversation now! Contact any of our group's members to learn more about the exciting things CCA's Racial Justice Group is doing this spring.



What is Small Group Ministry?

Small Group Ministry is where 8-10 people meet with the intention of establishing deeper connections with each other and with God. The group allows for deeper conversations that we can't always have in committee meetings or during coffee hour.

The groups meet once a month from October to June, and are led by lay members of the congregation. The group meetings run 1.5 hours and include a check-in, a short topic reading, discussion of the topic, and closing prayer.

Choose a Group!

First Tuesday 1:30-3:00 p.m.

First Sunday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

All groups will meet in-person or on Zoom as needed.

How To Get Involved

You may join a group at any time of the year as long as your choice is still open. Each group is limited to ten members. Sign up online at ccamherst.org or contact Pastor Maureen at 603-673-3231 x11, pastormaureen@ccamherst.org

This year our Small Groups will focus on the WHY WE WORSHIP theme that is guiding our Creative Worship and other church programs. Each month we'll focus on a different aspect of our worship and how it connects with our faith journey!

Remaining Schedule for 2023

March:	Giving
April:	Discerning
May:	Singing
June:	Nurturing



A Few Words About the Weather...

Church Closings Due to Bad Weather: As many know, New England weather is ever changing and at times can be quite unpredictable. In the case of bad weather and the need to cancel an in-person worship service, we will post announcements on WMUR Channel 9 television, and on our website and Facebook pages.

Of course, that doesn't mean you will miss out on Sunday morning worship. Our live streamed service will still be available for folks to tune to at 10:00 a.m. on our Facebook page, and we will continue to upload the recorded service to our website by noon.

Beware of Falling Snow and Ice: During the winter months, we want to remind everyone that snow and ice may fall from our roof at any time. Please use caution when in our driveway, and do not walk too close to the building.



Financial Summary

(as of January 31, 2023)

	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$300,879	\$270,877	\$30,003
Expenses	\$281,282	\$288,046	\$ (6,764)
Net Income	\$ 19,598	\$ (17,169)	\$36,767

Numbers have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar; as such, some columns may not appear to total correctly. We hope you are finding this information helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone on the Finance Team: Keith Lammers, Paul Spiess (Treasurer), Doug Topliffe, Todd Whitney and Tim Wiegand.



Middle High Youth Group (MHYG)

MHYG will meet on March 5th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. This month, guided by the Lenten scripture in Matthew, MHYG is heading into the (proverbial) wilderness to learn to make a dwelling place for God in our hearts. Join us for a time of check in, games, and spiritual discussion on how God accompanies us through good and challenging times.

At a time in life when most tweens are figuring out who they are, what they like, who to be friends with, and what to believe, MHYG is a sacred space to learn, grow, and have fun. MHYG offers kids a safe place to explore their spirituality, form deep relationships, and let loose through fellowship, games, check-ins, and sanctuary time. All middle schoolers are invited, and bringing friends is strongly encouraged!

Email Pastor Kate for more information.



Senior High Youth Group (SHYG)

This March, SHYG is leaning into Lent with meetings all about prayer and exploring the wilderness. Join us from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor Youth Room for check ins, games, spiritual discussions, and Palm Sunday planning.

March 5: SHYG meeting
March 12: SHYG meeting
March 19: SHYG meeting
March 26: SHYG meeting
April 2: Palm Sunday Worship

SHYG is a time of fellowship, fun, and faith exploration. As always, friends are welcome, whether they attend this church, any church, or none at all! SHYG is a place for high school kids to connect socially and spiritually, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey.

Get in touch with Pastor Kate for more information!

WA Sunday on March 12

The Woman's Association will take the opportunity on Sunday, March 12 to contribute to the worship service and to host Fellowship Time after the service in the Community Room. Everyone is invited to help celebrate the role that WA plays in the life of the church.

An additional activity that day will be a "Pop-up Art Sale" at Fellowship Time. Over the years a number of pieces of artwork have been donated to the WA, and selected pieces will be on display and available for purchase at very reasonable prices. Payment can be made by cash or check. Please plan to take time to enjoy refreshments and take a look at the artwork on display.

The Woman's Association dates back to 1865 and since then has engaged women in supporting the church and community organizations and in building a sense of fellowship among our members.

For most of the year the WA holds "workshops" on Monday mornings from 10:00 to noon. Attendees may work on crafts, plan for future activities, socialize or some combination of these activities. You can also bring a lunch and share a time of fellowship. Membership is open to all women of all ages, church members **and** non-church members, and activities are open to members **and** guests.

For more information, contact Adrienne Topliffe or Sue Werst or talk to any of the members on March 12 .



An Abbreviated History of The Woman's Association

This year the Woman's Association (WA) celebrates their 158th anniversary! In the tradition of those before them, the WA proudly continues to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate by adhering to their mission statement, *"To cultivate the spirit of Christ beginning with our own lives and reaching out into the home, community and throughout the world."*

The WA evolved from a woman's group organized to financially assist the church by the minister's wife in 1865. Many of its members were involved in earlier church women's groups dedicated to charitable and educational projects. There are documents and records as far back as 1836 that chronicle the history of these early organizations leading to The Woman's Association of 2023.

Following is a brief overview of these early groups.

The Amherst Ladies Association for Education Society was organized October 7, 1836, as part of the national American Education Society formed in 1815. The westward expansion of the U.S. and the worldwide deployment of missionaries created a need for more ministers. The purpose of the Education Society was to raise funds for impoverished young men who distinguished themselves as scholars but had no means to attend divinity school. The Amherst Ladies raised a total of \$220.52 over 7 years until they disbanded in 1843.

The Female Cent Society of Amherst, formed on May 11, 1840, was also part of a national organization. The Society's purpose was to raise money for home and foreign missionaries, *"...to be spent on some object of Charity to be determined at a regular meeting of the Society"*. Their first year, forty-nine members, paid their annual dues of 52 cents (1 cent per week), and with an additional donation, contributed \$29.56. After 86 years, dues never changing from 1 cent per week, the chapter closed in March 1926 due to decreasing membership. The remaining members accepted an invitation to join the **Ladies Charitable Association**.

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The Ladies Sewing Circle was organized May 12, 1847. The stated purpose of the group was "...feeling that practicable effort in the cause of benevolence is worthy to be made - that no hand should willingly be idle, which can be exerted for the promotion of good..." Dues were 25 cents annually and it was acceptable to pay your contribution in the equivalent of cloth, thread, or yarn. Sixty-four women joined that first year, many of whom were Female Cent Society members. They opened meetings with a scripture reading and hymn, and ladies read articles while they sewed. Their handmade objects and clothing, household items, and any gently used clothing left at the parsonage were sent to needy missionaries and their families in such far-away places such as Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ohio. The suffering and despair of the Civil War cast long shadows on the Amherst women and their work. In April 1862, Secretary Abba A. Spalding Davis the wife of Rev. J. Gardner Davis, the 7th minister of the Congregational Church from 1844 to 1880, included the following sentiment in her annual report, *"The State of our country will probably continue to affect the prosperity of Home Missions and there will be a necessity for efforts of a like nature or the cause will go backward. It must be the conviction of every Christian and thoughtful mind that nothing but the prevalence of the principles of the gospel can ever make this a safe, tranquil and happy land again. Treason and rebellion may be overcome by force, but to have kindness, justice and humanity reign in the hearts of the people must be the result of a higher and different influence."* Perhaps the women focused their efforts making items for the Union soldiers, because no annual meetings were held in 1863 or 1864, and the group disbanded in June 1865. The final Treasurer's Report stating the 32 members gave \$33.48 to *"destitute families of Ministers in New Hampshire"*.

The Ladies Charitable Association (LCA) was organized in October 1865 by Mrs. Abba A. Spalding Davis, the minister's wife and previously secretary of the Sewing Circle. Many members were from the Sewing Circle. The women raised important funds paying for such items as church debt, insurance, apportionment, the pastor's salary, new pianos, grand piano renovations, the Red Cross, Congregational missionary work in Puerto Rico and India, the stricken Indians in the Dakotas, donations to the Children's Aid and Protective Society, school dental clinics, calendars, decorations, altar floral arrangements, and clothing and bedding for the Amherst needy including hand-made comforters. In fact, the Amherst women took first place for their handwork in a 1932 state competition against other Congregational woman's organizations. Activities included luncheons, suppers, candidates' forums, rummage sales, holiday fairs, lectures, musical programs, bridge tournaments, and writing and selling cookbooks. After absorbing the Woman's Missionary Society and The Female Cent Society and 62 years of service, in 1928 the Ladies Charitable Association was re-organized and named **The Woman's Association of the Congregational Church**.

In its heyday, the WA had 171 members in 1979. Small but mighty, today's WA is comprised of 29 active members. The WA's fundraising abilities and accomplishments have thrived under President Adrienne Topliffe's leadership since 2004. Current activities include luncheons, lectures, rummage sales and the Holiday Fair. The women also maintain and support the kitchen and its equipment, purchasing items from utensils to paper towels, to kitchen stools, and oversee, manage, and staff funeral receptions. The Monday morning workshops find them enjoying each other's company, while working on creative projects such as knitting, crocheting, birch bark houses, or sorting and cleaning donated items. They learned the art of adaptation during Covid by getting together Monday mornings on Zoom and holding two successful virtual Holiday Fair auctions. The WA is very grateful for the generous support of church members and friends who donate to and shop at the Good Stuff (rummage) Sale and the Holiday Fair, allowing the WA to consistently fulfill their annual church pledge and contribute to church and community causes. The Woman's Association will continue to honor their heritage and the women before them, and always welcome new members.



Good Stuff Sale

Time to spring clean your home and collect good stuff for the Woman's Associations' Annual Good Stuff Sale, which will be held Friday, April 28, 4:00–7:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

It would be helpful to have all clothing cleaned, sorted, bagged and possibly labeled for men, women, children and infants.

We are collecting fine, costume and fun jewelry, good purses, backpacks, shoes, boots etc.; all accessories too.

Household items: linens, sheets, towels, bedspreads, curtains, drapes, home decorative items, kitchen pots and pans, utensils, dishes, glassware, small appliances that work, small furniture, lamps, toys, games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, books etc.

You may leave bagged linens and clothing behind the curtain on the stage in the community room.

Housewares, toys, glass, pots and pans etc. may be left in the vestry by the partition that says "Rummage Here."

Please do NOT donate bicycles, large sports equipment, big furniture, computers, TVs, textbooks, car seats or baby furniture.

All proceeds go to our charities and other needs within our church.

Thank you so much!

If you have any questions please contact Sally Bowkett, 603-673-7409 or Alicia Wight 603-345-0155

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