

The New Ipswich Congregational Church Newsletter

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156 Main Street, New Ipswich, NH 03071



In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season... 2 Timothy 4:1-2

A Church for all Seasons

Here Paul is giving Timothy, and the church by extension, the charge to continually preach the word. This is also our charge here at NICC. Our pastoral search committee is busy making sure that the word continues to be preached at our church during this time of transition between pastors. Members of our church and guest preachers will fill our pulpit on Sundays.

Bible commentator David Guzik relates a story about a very successful pastor in England. It got a point where pastors in neighboring towns became jealous of his success and decided to confront him to try to limit his influence. After much heated discussion, a compromise was reached that he would only preach in two seasons. When they asked him which two seasons, he replied with Paul's words "in season and out of season".

While we won't all be preaching from the pulpit, we all have important roles. As Pastor Ken said in his final sermon at NICC, we are all the outreach. By living the word in our community, we can all fulfill Paul's charge to the church, in this season of transition, and in all seasons.

- Rick Blanchette

Greetings! We are officially in a time of transition as we look for the next pastor for our congregation. We will continue to have our regular Sunday service with communion on the first Sunday of the month and we will continue to have the regular weekly events and activities as we normally do. As you can see below there are a lot of events happening this fall.

For the next four Sunday (and beyond), we will have guest speakers deliver our weekly message during the service.

Sept 7 – Jay Hopkins, Deacon, Jaffrey Bible Church

Sept 14 - Rick Blanchette, member NICC

Sept 21 – Rev Paul McPheeters, CCCC Northeast Regional Pastor

Sept 28 – Charlie Saari, formerly of Gates Recovery Center

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/8	9/9
1030-1230 Senior Fellowship and lunch	5-9pm Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm Church Council- in person		9am-1pm Red Cross Blood Drive	10am Sunday Worship with Communion followed by coffee, snacks and Conversation	9:30 Women's Bible Study at L Kivela's 6pm Free Community Suppers 6-7pm Girl Scouts	6pm Children's Fair Critique Meeting 7pm – Women's Bible Study

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, Monday and maybe Wednesday

Wednesday Senior Fellowship and free lunch

Come at 10:30 to visit, stay till 12 noon for lunch.

Our lively group continues to grow! Conversation, laughter and sharing information, it's a great social time to get you out and about.

The free lunch is always pretty good too.

Church Council and Pastoral Search Team joint meeting in person

Thursday Sept 4, 6:30pm at NICC

The Council and Pastoral Search Team will meet to review responsibilities for continuing operations as we embark on the search for our next pastor.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday Sept 6th is your chance to make a potentially life-saving donation. There are appointments to give blood or plasma this Saturday at NICC from 9am to 12:30pm. See the Red Cross web page for available appointments, redcrossblood.org

Sunday School Teacher Schedule

September 7th - A Dogged Faith. Emily Trefflich

Monday Night Dinners Return!

Our weekly free community dinner will resume on Monday September 8th!

On the menu: Lazyman's Lasagna

Children's Fair Critique Meeting

The Children's Fair Area chairs and executive team will meet to review the results of the fair and discuss what worked and what can be improved on Tuesday Sept 9 at 6:00pm at the Church.

St Vincent DePaul - The Cash Cow!

Kevin and the staff at St. Vincent De Paul extend their heartfelt appreciation for all those who have donated funds to purchase 1/2 gallons of milk. Kevin has indicated the need for additional items to be purchased using cash that are not available from the food banks including coffee, toothpaste, health and beauty needs, deodorant and single rolls of toilet tissue. You can **continue** to donate directly to SVDP or through Margie Brown. The round blue bin in the downstairs entry area is to collect items to go to SVDP.

Walk for Life – Pregnancy Resource Center for the Monadnock Region

(NICC supports the Center annually with the Baby Bottle Collection)

Saturday Sept 13 from 10am to 1:30pm in Keene, NH

Call Margie Brown at (603)878-1135 or contact the PRC (603) 358-6460 for details.

Financial Health

Monthly recurring expenses July: \$5,791.58 – August General Fund: \$5,000.00

Date	General Fund	Building Fund	Total	Special Gifts
08/03/25	\$1,014.36	\$250.00	\$1,264.36	
08/10/25	\$1,660.00	\$400.00	\$2,060.00	

08/17/25	\$411.00	\$150.00	\$561.00
08/24/25	\$1,282.00	\$150.00	\$1,432.00
8/31/25	\$633.00	\$250.00	\$833.00

Building Fund!

We have several capital projects that need to be addressed soon!

- New Septic System
- Siding replacement
- Roof repairs
- Parking lot paving

Please designate your gift as “Building Fund” whether on-line or in the offering.

Opportunities to serve!

Children's Bulletin Art! - Signup outside the Sunday School classroom.

Email your artwork to naomimay2015@yahoo.com

Senior Fellowship – Provide lunch meal for Wednesday. See/contact Naomi Petersen if interested.

Autumnfest – Saturday October 4 – Looking for volunteers for the church table

Trunk or Treat – Sunday October 26 – Looking for someone to coordinate this event

Pie Sales – Back by popular demand, we will need dinners and desserts to sell starting September 26th for at least 4 weeks.

Thanksgiving Pie Making – Week of Nov 16th – see Karyn

Children's Craft Fair – November 22nd – Looking for someone to coordinate this event.

Save the Date!

St Vincent DePaul - **“Friends of the Poor” 5K Run/Walk**

Saturday October 4

Race starts and ends: New Ipswich Congregational Church

Starts and ends at 156 Main Street, New Ipswich NH

Entry Fees: Adult Runner \$25, 17 and under \$10, Walkers Free

Proceeds raised will benefit the Society of St. Vincent DePaul to help our neighbors in need! Runners who register two weeks before the race start date receive a premium long sleeve shirt. Walkers who register two weeks before the race start date receive a premium short sleeve shirt. Race day registration for runners and additional \$5. Runners and walkers encouraged to collect pledges.