

The New Ipswich Congregational Church Newsletter

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156 Main Street, New Ipswich, NH 03071



Newsletter Message of the Week

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

Help with Change

For this week’s newsletter message, I’ve put together some Bible verses and thoughts that I hope will help us individually, and collectively through this time of change in our church. There is much more that could be said! But here are four things to consider: confidence in God’s plan, embracing change, relying on each other, and hope for the future.

As we enter this time of transition, as with any transition in our lives, it is natural to feel a sense of loss and to be anxious about the future. However, the Bible reminds us that we can always trust in God’s plan for us. God knows the path we are on, so it is important that we remain faithful. When we trust in God, we anchor ourselves in his promises, helping us to navigate change with hope and confidence. We are in good hands! *“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5*

Embracing change is an important step, but it can be a challenge. So, it is important to see change as an opportunity for growth and development. God is always working on us and through us, preparing us for the activities and opportunities of a new season, for ourselves and our church. We need to enter this new season with trust and faith. *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3:1*

It is also important for us to rely on each other, on our collective strength as a church and community. The Bible encourages us to join together in community on our journey of faith. Scripture also reminds us to lift each other up, and that God works through others in our lives. *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25*

And through it all, let’s remember to “Rejoice in Hope”. By focusing on the hope we have through Christ, we are reminded of his promises to us, that he works all things for our good. A hopeful attitude can help us face change with confidence and joy. *“Because of the Lord’s faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies*

never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! I say, "The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will put my hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24.

- Rick Blanchette

Sunday Worship

Our guest speaker for September 14 is Rick Blanchette, a member of NICC. The title of the sermon is "A Message From Our Motto - Romans 12:12"

Weekly Calendar and Events

For more information on calendar events, go to <https://www.nicc.church/church-calendar/>

Sunday 9/14	Monday 9/15	Tuesday 9/16	Wednesday 9/17	Thursday 9/18	Fri 9/19	Sat 9/20
Worship 10 am	Women's Bible Study 9:30	Cold Spring Healing Paws 5 pm	Senior Lunch 10:30 am	Webelos 5 pm		Walk for Life 10 am Keene
Sunday School 10:30 am	Community Dinner 6 pm		Zoom Bible study 6:30 pm	Wolf Cubs 6 pm		
	Girl Scouts 6 pm			Boy Scouts 7 pm		

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.

Community Supper for September 15 will be Beef Stew, Rolls, Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Hot dogs and Desserts.

Wednesday Online Bible Study: The Wednesday multi-church intensive Bible Study on Zoom continues with Donell Riddick from New Life Christian Ministries, Lowell, Mass. as host. We meet each Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Contact Donell for details and the Zoom link at dridd607@yahoo.com, or Rick at rick.blanchette@gmail.com

Sunday School Schedule

9/14: Lesson 69 - Confessing Christ (Allie)
9/21: Lesson 70 - Glory Mountain (Allie)
9/28: Lesson 71 - The kids can come too (*Teacher Needed*)
10/5: Lesson 72 - Who is my neighbor? (Emily)
10/12: Lesson 73 - Lost and Found (*Teacher Needed*)

Financial Health

<i>General Fund Deposit</i>		<i>Building Fund Deposit</i>	
Documented Giving	\$1360	Documented Giving	\$250

Building Fund

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

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

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

Opportunities To Serve NICC

- 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 to staff 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. Contact Bob or Carol Romeril for details
- Thanksgiving Pie Making – Week of Nov 16th – Contact Karyn Veaser
- Children's Craft Fair – November 22nd – Contact Freddi Kazo with any questions or to volunteer.
- 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.
- Sunday School – We are looking for a few people to help out with Sunday school. Please see Emily Treff for details

Communications

Have something to share on the newsletter, website or calendar? Send an email to nicongchurch@gmail.com.