

The New Ipswich Congregational Church Newsletter

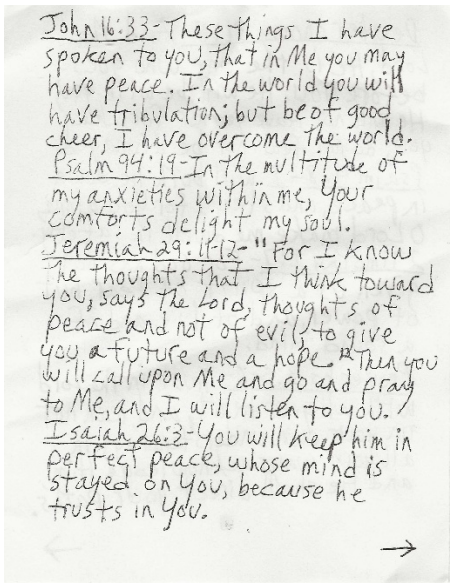
September 17, 2025

156 Main Street, New Ipswich, NH 03071

Newsletter Message of the Week

***"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."
2 Corinthians 5:20***

A Very Good Gift



I met Chris at our community supper last week. Chris is a resident of Greenville Falls (AKA Philbrick Elderly Housing). He washes dishes at a local restaurant and cleans a local church. He has a disability that gives him an obvious tremor and affects his speech and gait. Yet he was signing up people to sponsor him for the Walk for the Poor. On first meeting him, this earnest and modest man gave me a present. Two 4½ inch by 5½ inch pieces of paper, covered on both sides with handwritten bible verses. He photocopies these at the library and passes them out to people he meets. It's a wonderful selection of verses. There was something about the fact that they were handwritten, and his obvious intent that the gift was for my benefit, that made the verses that much more impactful. We looked over the verses together and found that some of his favorites were also some of mine. He was very happy when I told him that I would use some of his selected verses in messages for our weekly newsletter.

Chris's example shows that we don't need special resources or abilities to give spiritual encouragement to those we meet, just a desire to share God's word to make a difference in people's lives. It was a very good gift.

Rick Blanchette

Sunday Worship

Sept 21 – Rev Paul McPheeters, CCCC Northeast Regional Pastor

Sept 28 – Charlie Saari, formerly of Gates Recovery Center

Sunday School Schedule

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)

Weekly Calendar and Events

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

Sunday 9/21	Monday 9/22	Tuesday 9/23	Wednesday 9/24	Thursday 9/25	Fri 9/26	Sat 9/27
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		

Community Supper for September 22 will be Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Veggies, Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Desserts and Drinks.

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

Financial Health

<i>General Fund Deposit</i>		<i>Building Fund Deposit</i>	
Documented Giving	\$1760	Documented Giving	\$450

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.