



# Tower Tidings

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### August 2021 TT Pastor's Letter

Dear friends,

If you have paid any attention to the news of late (I find myself doing less of this lately!) there has been much reporting of the Delta variant of Covid-19. And the maps indicate that Belknap County seems to be at a higher level than the counties around us. Even this morning I received a call from the shop where my truck was to be worked on and they had to send 4 of their technicians home because of one of them had been exposed to a person testing positive. So, it would seem if we ever thought we were, we are not finished with this yet!

The opening of the letter of James comes to mind:

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:2-4)*

Perseverance... patience... While I have not experienced this pandemic and its consequences as a challenge to my Christian faith, it has been an exercise in perseverance! I thought I was a relatively patient person; however, this is beginning to wear on me as I'm sure it is many of you!

But persevere we must, and we will. This will require even more patience on our part. The Center for Disease Control is updating their recommendations and we will be looking at those and our local conditions. It may be that by the time you read this article some determinations will have been made and recommendations sent out but for now I want to emphasize again that *any decisions made by the leadership of our church will always be in the interest of keeping our congregation and community healthy and safe.*

James will go on to write in his letter:

*"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12)*

We have gotten this far let's see it through!

Persevering with you!

*Pastor Neil Wilson*

# Happening Soon!

## Peace, Faith, and Rejuvenation



August 12, 2021 – August 15, 2021  
Dean(s): Emmi Sander & Alex Cross

Formerly called Trails & Passages, we invite women from all walks of life to rejuvenate and ground themselves on Pine Mountain. Recharge, restore, hike, and relax with us for this guided spiritual 4-day weekend. Check out the [flyer](#) your Deans made to share and invite your friends!

Ages: Adult Women

Price: \$195 / \$220 / \$245

[www.hortoncenter.org](http://www.hortoncenter.org)

## Digital Stewardship

Your Stewardship Committee has been discussing our digital presence in the Community. The pandemic has accelerated a shift in the way people learn about churches. Driven by younger people long before the pandemic, now all age groups are learning about our mission digitally, including our own members! For better or worse, our on-line presence is our welcoming mat, and we need to welcome folks electronically. How do we do that? We have been looking into the possibility of getting help from a tech-savvy intern to look at what we have and offer suggestions on how that can be expanded to reflect a vibrant, relevant ministry. If you have suggestions, please send them our way.

Muff Kruse, Dan Tinkham, Jaylene Bengtson, and Pat Wood

Thanks, Dan

## Ministry of Meals--VOLUNTEERS Appreciated!

As you are probably aware, our church assists in providing food for community members through various local organizations besides Got Lunch and the Little Free Pantry. One such organization is the Salvation Army. If you would like to assist in providing periodic meals to usually about fifty-five people, please contact Hollis Thompson (512) 970-6592.

Belknap House is another opportunity to provide a meal once a week on Thursdays. The headcount for this meal has always been below twenty. Contact Diane Tinkham (603) 455-2427 for more information .

## SQUAM LAKE SUMMER PICNIC

**Ruth Stuart and the Deacons invite you to the Squam Lake Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 29.**

677 Squam Lake Drive in Sandwich

Time 12 Noon to 4 PM

Grills ready at 1 PM for lunch - hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the Deacons

Bring a chair, a dish to share and a beverage - ice water provided  
Deacons will supply paper plates, napkins, silverware and cups

For more information contact Ila at 527-9476





## Brick Pavers

Be a part of the Congregational Church of Laconia history by purchasing a brick for the walkway with your

name or family on it

business name

honored Veteran's name

in memory of a loved one

or just because!

you can even add small symbols like a heart or cross

\* small brick \$125

4' x 8'

2 lines, maximum 20 spaces per line

\* medium brick \$250

8" x 8"

4 lines, maximum 20 spaces per line

\* Granite Walkway Marker \$1000

If you are interested in purchasing a forever brick, or have any questions please speak with Carolyn Jorgensen at the church.

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## August Birthdays

2—Bethany Clarke

2—Emily Mussen

2—Nicolas Austin

4--Bea Lanning

7—Elvena Anderson

9—Carolyn Carwell

10—Brad Geltz

11—Connor Sullivan

13—Judy Nelson

15--Hollis Thompson

15—Janelle Woodland

16—Darlene Sellars

17—Christine Evans

17—Linda Swenson

19—Caragh Smith

19—Karen Mussen

21—Andrea Liebl

22—Jaylene Bengtson

24—Finley Smith

25—Janet Simmon

28—Shannon Sullivan

29—Carol Hounsell

31—Pamela Kyle



## Early September Birthdays

1—Elaine Morrison Smith

2—Daniel Makely III

4—Chad Vaillancourt

9—Nancy Hemlin

10—Eric Nelson

13—Cindy Bronson

14--Martha Clement