

# News Blast!

Friday, May 12, 2023  
Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC



## Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9 AM – 3 PM

*The front door is unlocked during those hours.*



*A couple of weeks ago we pondered if seeing was believing. This Sunday we will call to mind those who have been systemically overlooked, particularly women. We will give thanks for mothers, pray for peace, and sing some great hymns. What a great way to start your Sunday - in-person or online! 9:30 a.m. followed by coffee and conversation!*

## Faith Formation is this Sunday Bring Questions!

We hope to see your children or grandchildren on Sunday, May 14, during the Sunday service for our monthly time with Faith Formation. We have some questions that need answers!

- What does the Bible say about spring or about rebirth?
- Have you signed up for Horton Center?
- Do you have any interesting (challenging) questions that we should write down to ask Pastor Lovett?
- What would you like to do at Church this summer?



See you Sunday, and please arrive with questions!

Also, please report in to let us know how the “surprise” flowers from our April meeting are doing. Do you know what is growing yet? Check out the flowers growing in the classroom and plant one for your family if you want one!

# Spring Rummage Sale

Congregational Church of Laconia (Church Hall)  
18 Veterans Square

Thursday, May 18th (5 to 7 p.m.)

Friday, May 19th (9 to 3 p.m.)

Saturday, May 20th (9 to 1 p.m.)

Saturday is BARGAIN DAY. There will be a charge at the door of \$3 for a paper sack and \$5 for a box, which will be provided to you. Fill it up to overflowing for one low price.

Come shop an incredible variety of housewares, adult and children's clothing, furniture, collectibles, games, toys, and more.



VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

## Can you lend a hand with Belknap House dinners?

Since the spring of 2020, Church members have been preparing Thursday night dinners for the families living at Belknap House. These families are working towards getting their own living spaces, often finding new jobs, learning about nutrition, budgeting, and food preparation. The staff at Belknap House often plan evening meetings or activities on Thursdays since the families are already together to eat a meal prepared and delivered by people who want to make a difference in the lives of young families.

Would you like to help prepare a dinner? Since there are usually 15-18 people living in the House, we often have two or more people provide different parts of the meal. If you would like to be on the group sign-up list contact Diane Tinkham at [tinkhams@metrocast.net](mailto:tinkhams@metrocast.net). **We're in need of cooks for next Thursday, May 18 - let us know if you're available!**

## Got Lunch needs volunteer drivers

Got Lunch Laconia is preparing for Season 13! We need dedicated teams of drivers to help deliver weekly bags of healthy food to families in our community. Are you available on Monday mornings between 8:30 and noon? Do you want to make a difference in the community? If you answered "yes" to these questions, then Got Lunch is for you! We provide the training; all you need is a reliable vehicle and a positive attitude to make a difference in our community. Our program begins Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> and ends on Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>. If interested, or if you have further questions, please contact Trish at [gotlnch@gmail.com](mailto:gotlnch@gmail.com) by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.



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*Stitches of Love*

Stitches of Love will be adding knitted or crocheted HATS to our fall Outreach projects. Any styles or colors welcome - for kids, women and men! If anyone is interested in starting early, we have plenty of free yarn available.

**THIS SUNDAY**

**MAY 14th,**

**THERE WILL BE A**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**TO SUPPORT**

**THE PURCHASE AND**

**DISTRIBUTION OF**

**LIFE-SAVING**

**BLANKETS**

**AROUND THE WORLD**



Be part of the *miracle*. Blanket the world with *love*.

**How can we meet our sisters and brothers in their greatest moment of need?**

Everyday, someone in the world experiences hard times. When difficulties happen, a simple act of kindness can make a difference and be the miracle someone was praying for.

**You can be a part of that miracle.** By partnering with CWS through our Blankets program, you can respond to neighbors in their greatest moment of need in a practical and hands-on way.



"It's a miracle what Church World Service does and you are a part of that miracle."

— REV. DR. TIMOTHY C. AHRENS,  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH, COLUMBUS, OHIO

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# LACONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Please join us for a **"ONE DAY MENTORING EVENT"**

**Mentoring Together** is collaborating with the **Real Initiative** program to provide an important mentoring event. Mentoring positively impacts the lives of youth through caring relationships that model positive social behavior and personal responsibility. If you are interested in mentoring but not sure if you want to commit for the year, this opportunity is for you!

### WHEN

May 23, 2023

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Laconia Middle School Cafeteria

### FOR MORE INFO

Please reach out to Abigail Rivet for more information

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**SUMMER WALK/HIKE**  
**FRANKLIN FALLS DAM AND**  
**RECREATION AREA**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 11TH**  
**MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 1 P.M.**

**WE'LL LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF THIS  
IMMENSE STRUCTURE HIDDEN AWAY IN OUR OWN BACK YARDS.**



**DESCRIPTION: 100 FEET OF ELEVATION LOSS AND GAIN  
ALONG WIDE AND NICELY GRADED AND PAVED ROADS**

**BRING A SNACK, WATER, AND STURDY FOOTWEAR!**  
**CONTACT JOE SMATH IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US.**  
**TEL. 603.397.2399 OR [JASMATH@COMCAST.NET](mailto:JASMATH@COMCAST.NET) (PREFERRED)**

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## **Come and Worship**

We welcome and invite you to worship with us in any of these ways.

**!!! In Person !!! at 9:30 AM**, or via Livestream

- Via livestream through YouTube Sundays starting at 9:25AM:  
Go to **YouTube** and search for Congregational Church of Laconia
- On our website [www.laconiaucc.org](http://www.laconiaucc.org) any day and any time.
- On Public Access TV Channel 25 Sundays at 4pm and 9:30pm or  
Mondays at 5am.

If you are new to the church, please introduce yourself! Let the Church Office know if we can help you in any way! 603-524-0668. Seeking to be the church God desires for us to be.

Visit our website

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