

NOVEMBER 2025

THE COMMUNICON

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
An Open and Affirming Congregation

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years."
Genesis 1:14

You shall observe the festival of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor. Exodus 23:16

The days are getting shorter. We can feel the changes in the air after a long, hot, and dry summer. The trees have lost their summery green covering, the annual flowers have been removed, and the autumn decorations are reminding us that another year is quickly waning.

For me, this is a time of reflection, a time to look back and see the year now ending. The liturgical year ends on the last Sunday of this month, when we begin Advent. Before we get there, however, we pass two distinct moments.

The first has just passed—the celebration of All Saints, or Souls. This is a time to look back and remember those who have come before us. It is a time to recognize all who have brought us to this time, and it is a time to acknowledge our grief and loss from the passing year. The falling leaves and the shortening days can remind us that there is a cycle to nature that we must accept.

Second, we look back with thanks for the blessings of the year. This is called the Harvest Festival, or the ingathering, in scripture; we call it Thanksgiving. We should recall that Thanksgiving began as a celebration in the Biblical sense, a way of offering thanks to God, who has provided for our needs. It is not just a time to see how much turkey and pie we can eat! The Pilgrims were aware that without God—and their native friends—they would not have made it. We all need to step back and acknowledge the blessings of life.

These two remembrances, one of loss and one of blessing, help us to be ready for the cycle to begin again as we await the coming of a new year and the new possibilities it will bring.

Autumnal Blessings,
Bob





10 AM Sundays

November 2 - Special guest Tivvi Parre

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon: Changing Lanes

November 9

Luke 20:27-38

Sermon: Loopholes

November 16

Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: Setting Their Hair on Fire

November 23 - Thanksgiving Sunday

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: In the End, A Beginning

November 30 - Advent 1

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: Turn Yourself Around –
That's What It's All About

Pastor Bob's Sunday sermons can be emailed or sent by regular mail at your request. Please contact the office if you are interested.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82609242815>

Services are being offered both in person and online via Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/peterboroughucc>

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Many people feel supported and blessed by our continuing prayers. Please remember to keep the following people in your prayers:

**Beth S.
Bob F.
Debbie H.
Emily
Ginny
Jo**

Katherine, friend of Carele

**Kathleen
Lindseigh**

Sarah L. and family, friends of Kathy S.

Shirlee

Ted S.

Vicki

Walker

...all those with hidden sorrows or challenges and everyone in our church community.

To add or delete names from this ongoing prayer list, please contact the office at 603-924-3272 or office@uccpeterborough.org.

To make a prayer request for the weekly worship bulletin, please contact the office by Wednesday. Thank you!

**Daylight Saving Time ends on
Sunday, November 2, at 2 a.m.**

Remember to turn clocks back 1 hour.



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Key: C = Chapel FH = Fellowship Hall K = Kitchen N = Nursery OS = Off-site P = Parlor S = Sanctuary U = Upstairs Z = Zoom</p> <p>Calendar is subject to change. For updates please visit: https://www.uccpeterborough.org/calendar-of-events</p>						<p>1 8 am Men Making Breakfast (FH, K) 9 am Church Cleanup</p>  
<p>2 10 am WORSHIP Tivvi Pare (special guest)</p> 	<p>3 5:30 pm Monday Night Supper (FH, K)</p>	<p>4 8:30 am Staff Meeting (P) 12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH) 4:30 pm Diaconate (P) 6:30 pm AA Step Study (P)</p>	<p>5 7:30 am Bone Builders (FH) 12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH) 4 pm Maintenance Committee (P) 6:30 pm Bible Study (Z) 7 pm Monadnock Chorus (FH)</p>	<p>6 8:30 am WIC/SNHS (C, P) 12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH) 6:30 pm Youth Choir (U) 7 pm Senior Choir (S) 7 pm AA meeting (P)</p>	<p>7 7:30 am Bone Builders (FH) 9:30 am Gentle Stretching (C)</p>	<p>8 1 pm Marilyn Britton's 90th Birthday Party (FH, K)</p> 
<p>9 10 am WORSHIP 3:30 pm Gretchen Judd Funeral Service (S)</p>	<p>10 5:30 pm Monday Night Supper (FH, K)</p>	<p>11 OFFICE CLOSED VETERANS DAY 12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH) 6:30 pm AA Step Study (P)</p>	<p>12 Setup & Rehearsals—Very Grimm Fairy Tales (FH) 7:30 am Bone Builders (FH) 6:30 pm Bible Study (Z) 7 pm Monadnock Chorus (FH)</p>	<p>13 Grimm Fairy Tales (FH) 6:30 pm Youth Choir (U) 7 pm Senior Choir (S) 7 pm AA meeting (P)</p>	<p>14 7:30 am Bone Builders (C) 9:30 am Gentle Stretching (C)</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 10 am WORSHIP 12:30 pm Very Grimm Fairy Tales (FH)</p> 	<p>17 Articles Due! Communicate DEADLINE 5:30 pm Monday Night Supper (FH, K)</p> 	<p>18 Setup—Holiday Fair (C, FH, K, P) 8:30 am Staff Meeting (P) 3 pm Sunshine Group (P-library) 6:30 pm AA Step Study (P-library)</p>	<p>19 7:30 am Bone Builders (U) 4 pm Finance Committee (P-library) 6:30 pm Bible Study (Z) 7 pm Monadnock Chorus (S)</p>	<p>20 6:30 pm Youth Choir (U) 7 pm Senior Choir (S) 7 pm AA meeting (P-library)</p>	<p>21 7:30 am Bone Builders (U) 9:30 am Gentle Stretching (U)</p>	<p>22 9 am—2 pm (C, FH, K, P) Holiday Fair</p> 
<p>23 10 am WORSHIP</p>	<p>24 5:30 pm Monday Night Supper (FH, K) 6:45 pm Council (P)</p>	<p>25 8:30 am Worship Planning (P) 12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH) 6:30 pm AA Step Study (P)</p>	<p>26 7:30 am Bone Builders (FH) 12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH) 6:30 pm Bible Study (Z)</p>	<p>27 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving 7 pm AA meeting (P)</p> 	<p>28 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 am Bone Builders (FH) 9:30 am Gentle Stretching (C)</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 10 am WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p align="center">BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p align="center">8 Marilyn Britton; 10 Megan Millbauer, Bill Purinton; 11 Debbie Hanson, Greg Lefko; 15 Rowan Inglis; 16 Bea Gove; 19 Sasha Daler; 25 Pattie Ingelstrom</p>					



Judy DeWitt and Norm Makechnie

A Very Grimm Production

Join the church family and have some fun as a “Very Grimm Fairy Tales” show is coming to the Fellowship Hall stage on **Sunday, November 16**. Everyone is welcome to dine on some finger salad rolls, chips, and beverages. Bakers beware! Bring some cookies or bars to share!

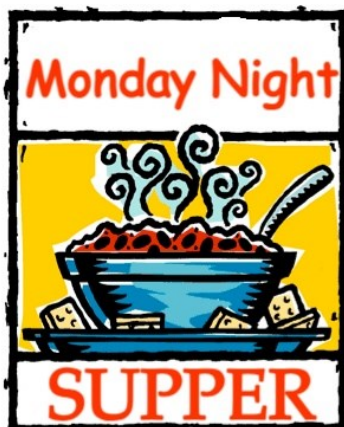
The production is sponsored by the Music Committee and will feature over forty of our church family and friends covering six stories of some hilarious proportion. There will be songs to sing and lots of merriment beginning around 12:30 p.m.

If you have questions, contact Mary Ann Fleming (flemma1954@gmail.com).



Well, this is it! The Holiday Shop is only 3 weeks away. If you haven't done it already, it's time to pack up for Attic Treasures those toys, games, household items, knickknacks, etc. that you haven't used in ages. Or pot some plant cuttings, finish up your craft items, and bake, bake, bake. Setup for the Holiday Shop will start on **Tuesday, November 18**, at 9 a.m. There will be much to do, so your help is needed on that Tuesday especially, and also, any time that week. And, of course, there's always cleanup!

Contact me, Judy DeWitt, with any questions (mollynmaymail@mac.com or 603-563-7157).



November Menus

5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Tomato Soup Carrot and Celery Sticks Dessert	Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dessert	Macaroni and Cheese Broccoli Salad Dessert	Chicken Pot Pie Greens and Fruit Salad Dessert

Menus are subject to change.

Welcoming

Tivvi Pare – the Executive Director of Horton Center

Tivvi Pare, the Executive Director of Horton Center, will be joining us for worship on **Sunday, November 2, 2025**. We hope you will join in welcoming her.

Horton Center, located in Gorham, NH, is the camp run by the NH Conference of the United Church of Christ. It is located on the top of Pine Mountain looking out over Mount Madison and the rest of the Presidential Range.

From Horton Center's website:

The mission is to welcome all God's people and provide life changing outdoor encounters with God and Christian community to grow passionate "Servant Leaders" who are stewards of all God's creation.

Horton Center is a place where people can get away from the busyness of their day-to-day lives to reconnect with themselves, explore their beliefs and values, and experience restful and rejuvenating peace and joy through worship, song, and community.

We work together to grow leaders who will serve their local and global communities and God's creation in and beyond Horton Center with peace, compassion, and a vision for a just world.

At Horton Center we endeavor to invite all God's people in to experience the radically inclusive hospitality of Christian community. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Tivvi Pare has been deeply connected to Horton Center since childhood, attending as a camper from 3rd to 12th grade and joining the staff after high school. She became the Executive Director in the fall of 2023. Tivvi is passionate about creating an inclusive, welcoming environment where campers can explore their faith, build community, and grow as servant leaders. A graduate of Clemson University with degrees in Elementary Education and Teaching and Learning, she loves singing around the campfire, hiking with her dog Zimmi, and enjoying the natural beauty of Horton Center.

Horton Center is more than just a camp. It's a place where you can connect with nature, with God, and with yourself. It's a place where you can explore your faith in a supportive and inclusive community. It's a place where you can have fun, make memories, and grow as a person.

Horton Center is part of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ, a denomination that values diversity, justice, and peace. Our outdoor ministry has a long and rich history.

Whether you want to sleep under the stars, hike on the trails, or enjoy the views, Horton Center has something for everyone. Come and join us for an unforgettable experience of wonder, friendship, and faith.

At Horton Center we believe every person is a beloved child of God. We are dedicated to building and sustaining a community free of discrimination and harassment. We are committed to avoid bias based on race, color, national origin, age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socioeconomic status, outdoor experience, and life experience. We believe this is key to realizing our mission of developing faithful servant leaders within and beyond Christian summer camp.



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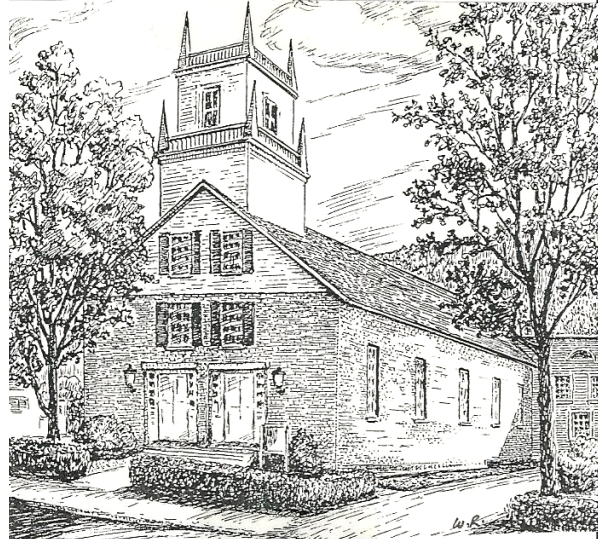
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DEADLINE for December issue:

10 a.m., November 17



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