

OCTOBER 2025

# THE COMMUNICON

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

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:11-12



Pumpkins are believed to have originated in North America. Seeds from related plants have been found in Mexico dating back to 7000 to 5500 B.C. The name "pumpkin" comes from the Greek word for "large melon," which is "pepon."

Native Americans used pumpkin as a staple in their diets centuries before the Pilgrims landed. They also dried strips of pumpkin and wove them into mats. Natives would also roast long strips of pumpkin on the open fire and eat them. When white settlers arrived, they saw the pumpkins grown by the Natives, and pumpkin soon became a staple in their diets. As today, early settlers used them in a wide variety of recipes from desserts to stews and soups. Pumpkin pie is thought to have originated from a time when the colonists sliced off the pumpkin top, removed the seeds, and then filled it with milk, spices and honey. The pumpkin was then baked in the hot ashes of a dying fire.

Pumpkins captured our imaginations when Linus introduced us to the Great Pumpkin, who looks for the most sincere pumpkin patch. I have never seen the Great Pumpkin. Have you?

We are celebrating the beautiful and delicious pumpkin this month as people begin to crave pumpkin spice everything. In addition to celebrating the colorful and tasty symbol of fall, we are also celebrating the harvest of love in our church. Our fellowship, our community has the opportunity to share our blessings with others.

We have arrived at the close of the growing season. Harvest season is a time to celebrate the produce of the earth and to remember that God has blessed us. Let's take a moment to reflect on this growing season, dry though it was, with gratitude.

**Shalom!**

**Bob**



**10 AM Sundays**

**October 5 - World Communion Sunday**

Luke 17:5-10

Sermon: What Will It Take?

**October 12**

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: Thank You!

**October 19 - Stewardship Sunday**

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: Pestering God

**October 26**

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: No Comparison

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



**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.  
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](mailto:office@uccpeterborough.org).*

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



**FALL BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.**

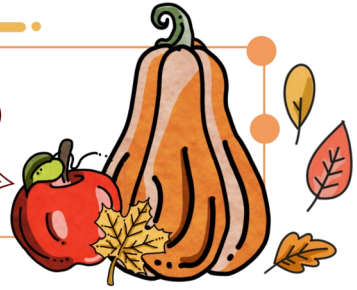
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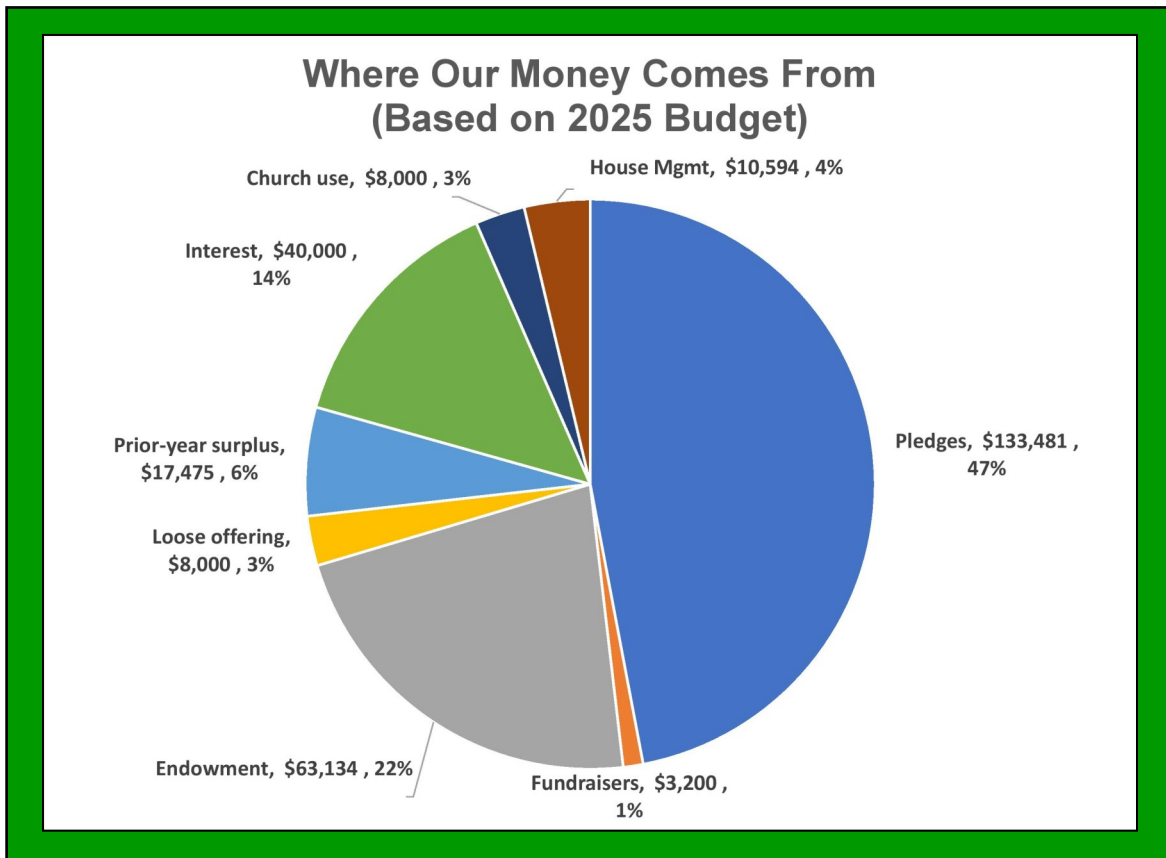
# OCTOBER



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><b>Calendar is subject to change.</b>  <b>For updates please visit:</b>  <a href="https://www.uccpeterborough.org/calendar-of-events">https://www.uccpeterborough.org/calendar-of-events</a></p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (FH)            12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            6:30 pm Bible Study (Z)            7 pm Monadnock Chorus (FH)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            6:30 pm Bell Choir (S)            6:30 pm Youth Choir (U)            7 pm Senior Choir (S)            7 pm AA meeting (P)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (FH)            9:30 am Gentle Stretching (C)            12 pm Blood Drive (C, FH, P)</p> <p> <b>American Red Cross</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8 am Men Making Breakfast (FH, K)</p> <p></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10 am WORSHIP</p> <p></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Pastor Bob vacation</p> <p>1 pm Pastor Dawn, UCC Wolfeboro, meeting (P)            5:30 pm Monday Night Supper (FH, K)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            4:30 pm Diaconate (P)            6:30 pm AA Step Study (P)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (FH)            12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            7 pm Monadnock Chorus (FH)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:30 am WIC/SNHS (C, P)            12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            6:30 pm Bell Choir (S)            6:30 pm Youth Choir (U)            7 pm Senior Choir (S)            7 pm AA meeting (P)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (FH)            9:30 am Gentle Stretching (C)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10 am WORSHIP</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples' Day, Columbus Day</p> <p>5:30 pm Monday Night Supper (FH, K)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Rummage Sale Setup (FH)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Planning (P)            6:30 pm AA Step Study (P)            7 pm Website Team (FH)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (C)            4pm Finance Committee(P)            6:30 pm Bible Study (Z)            7 pm Monadnock Chorus (S)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Bell Choir (S)            6:30 pm Youth Choir (U)            7 pm Senior Choir (S)            7 pm AA meeting (P)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (C)            9:30 am Gentle Stretching (C)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9 am—12 pm (FH)  <b>Rummage Sale</b></p> <p></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10 am WORSHIP</p> <p></p> <p><b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Articles Due!            Communicon DEADLine</p> <p>5:30 pm Monday Night Supper (FH, K)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:30 am Staff Meeting (P)            12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            3 pm Sunshine Group (P)            6:30 pm AA Step Study (P)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (FH)            12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            6:30 pm Bible Study (Z)            7 pm Monadnock Chorus (FH)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            6:30 pm Bell Choir (S)            6:30 pm Youth Choir (U)            7 pm Senior Choir (S)            7 pm AA meeting (P)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (FH)            9:30 am Gentle Stretching (C)            10 am Kiwanis setup (FH)            5 pm Kiwanis \$5 Early Bird Yard Sale (FH)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>8 am—12 pm (FH)  <b>KIWANIS YARD SALE</b></p> <p></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10 am WORSHIP</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Monday Night Supper (FH, K)            6:45 pm Council (P)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:30 am Worship Planning (P)            12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            6:30 pm AA Step Study (P)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (FH)            12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            6:30 pm Bible Study (Z)            7 pm Monadnock Chorus (FH)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>12:30 pm Worksource basketball (FH)            6:30 pm Bell Choir (S)            6:30 pm Youth Choir (U)            7 pm Senior Choir (S)            7 pm AA meeting (P)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bone Builders (C)            9 am Life Line Screening (FH, K)            9:30 am Gentle Stretching (C)</p> <p></p>	

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**1** Carolyn Woods; **3** Sue McMillan; **11** Carele Mayer; **14** Beth Fredrickson, Nancy Seguin; **16** Ginger Nielson; **28** Suzanne Schoel



*Dear Congregation,*

In the mail you will soon be receiving our committee's annual appeal letter containing a pledge card. Please be sure to participate, pledging as you are able. Your name and pledged amount will be kept confidential by the Assistant Treasurer. The pledges are tallied in early November in time for the budget process. With more pledges, more can be planned for 2026.

The number of "pledge units" (pledging households) has been on the decrease at our church in recent years. 72 households made pledges for 2019. For 2025, the number of pledging households is 48.

Annual giving by the congregation remains the most important source of church income by far. As the chart shows, 47% of the church's income this year comes from pledges. Thank you so very much for your generous giving.

The Stewardship Committee

Alex Inglis, Chair, Laura Gingras, Judy Makechnie, Rev. Bob Marrone, Bill Purinton, Jim Spencer

**October Menus**



Monday Night **Supper**

5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
English Muffin Pizzas Tossed Salad Dessert	Ham and Baked Beans Brown Bread Cole Slaw Dessert	American Chop Suey Tossed Salad Dessert	Vegetarian Chili Corn Bread Cole Slaw Dessert

*Menus are subject to change.*

## Church Stove Update · September 2025

It's been a long journey, and we have reached the destination! Our new stove was at last put through the paces its first week of operation. The burners cooked up Mark Fernald's famous grape jelly; the Sunday School followed with making breakfast for a kiddos' sleepover; Rally Sunday's after-church lunch tried out the grill; and the ovens happily baked pies for the pie sale! We're moving ahead with the start-up of Monday Night Suppers, beginning with macaroni and cheese!

Our stove installation date contest rolled out in the spring of 2024, came to a complete stop two months later due to supplier issues, and finally culminated with a winner in September 2025. We congratulate John Smith for submitting the closest guess of August 2025. John was presented with a pumpkin pie for what this author thought was a far-fetched guess back then. Kudos, John!

The remodel of the kitchen will take some time to settle in. With the loss of cupboard space and relocation of the stove, we are all walking in circles trying to find things. One benefit already put into use is a new corner workspace featuring a countertop with electrical outlet. We plan to mount a bracket close to the stove for extra-long utensils.

Finally, all of this could not have happened without money. A wall sign is in process to mount close to the stove to acknowledge the Phyllis Scott Family for their donation of \$50,000 toward this project. We are truly blessed that our long-time friend, Phyllis Scott, made this bequest to the church.

Many thanks to those who contributed time and effort to see this through, including Geoff Frank, Dick Chamberlain, Martha Dahl, KaitLynne Foote, John Smith, Carele Mayer, Bob Marrone and .....

Signing off:

Mary Ann Fleming, Chair



## Rummage Sale



When? **Saturday, October 18,**  
**9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** (11-12 is FREE!)

Where? **Fellowship Hall**

Setup begins on Tuesday, October 14.

Please leave your donations of fall/winter clothes and shoes (plus linens and craft materials) in Fellowship Hall no earlier than Tuesday, October 14.

Thank you for your items and volunteer help!



## Holiday Fair

The Holiday Shop isn't far off. It's time to start cleaning out those cupboards and closets for things you no longer use that could be sold in Attic Treasures. Remember, one person's clutter may be another person's treasure. And these chilly evenings are a great time to knit or embroider or do whatever craft project you enjoy. Or you could start baking and freezing cookies, breads, or other goodies for the Bake Sale. Maybe pot some cuttings from your plants that need separating or trimming. We need everyone's help to make this a successful fundraiser for the church.

If you have questions or ideas, please contact Judy DeWitt ([mollynmaymail@mac.com](mailto:mollynmaymail@mac.com)).

# Rally Sunday & Pastor Bob's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with UCC



Pastor Bob with card made by Ginger Nielson and signed by the congregation



Irving, Sam, Ali, Megan, Lily, Shirley, Emi



Sasha Daler, Jennifer Bernet, Karen Nadeau, Carele Mayer



Pastor Bob with prayer shawl from Sunshine & Deacons



Kathy Schongar, Bea Gove, Mark Fernald, Judy Fernald, Lucy Nordahl, Ginger Nielson



Dick Sanders, Leslie Inglis, Alex Inglis, Dan Millbauer, Don Fleming, Kathy Schongar



Mark Fernald solo during service



Sarah Pope, Esther Pope, Arthur Pope, Dotty Graham, Sandy Benotti



Amy Maughan, Mary Maughan, Nancy Purinton, Barbara Livoli, Arlene MacArthur



Deb Fredericks



David Allen, Carol Crocker, Mike Crocker, Kim Marcum, Bob Marrone

# Pie Sale



Mary Ann Fleming



Carele Mayer, Dotty Graham, Sandy Benotti, Mary Ann Fleming, Carol Crocker, Pastor Bob, Sharon Smith. Back: Mary Maughan, Suzanne Lamport, Mike Crocker



Nancy Purinton



Geoff Frank



Dotty Graham & Carele Mayer



Mary Ann Fleming & Diane Hill



Mary Ann Fleming, Sandy Benotti, Carele Mayer, Dotty Graham, Barbara Harling, Carol Crocker



woman who bought 6 pies!

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Cathy Harvey, *Organist and Choir Director*

Carele Mayer, *Handbell Director*

Emily Burke, *Sunday School Coordinator*

Rick Tracy, *Custodian*

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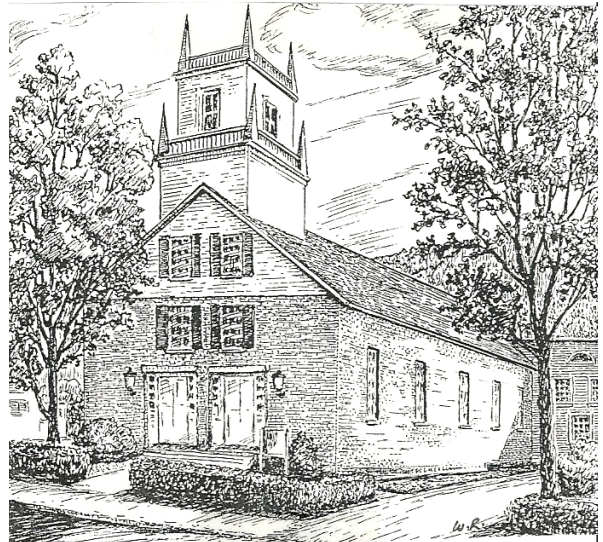
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**DEADLINE for November issue:**

**10 a.m., October 20**



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