



Tower Tidings

Congregational Church of Laconia United Church of Christ

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NOVEMBER 2023

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Exciting update from the Pastoral Search Committee!



The Pastoral Search Committee is happy to announce that after several months of reviewing ministerial profiles with our congregation's hopes and dreams in mind, conducting interviews, and prayerful discernment, we have selected a final candidate who we believe is a great match for our church. The candidate has accepted an invitation to a Candidating Weekend, to be held on **December 9th and 10th**.

Here's what to expect over the next six weeks:

- Towards the end of November, a letter will be sent to all church members from the Search Committee explaining the process we followed to arrive at selecting a final candidate. A personal letter of introduction from the candidate will be included in this mailing. **At this time you will know the identity of the candidate; however, it is very important to maintain the confidentiality of this information, out of respect for the congregation they currently serve.**
- A Meet and Greet reception will be held on Saturday, December 9th in the Church Hall, where you'll have an opportunity to meet the candidate in person, in an informal setting.
- The candidate will lead worship and preach on Sunday, December 10th.
- After the church service, a special Congregational meeting will be held where there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Search Committee and to vote on the call to our new Pastor.

The committee is sincerely grateful for the trust you have placed in us and the prayers you have sent our way!

The Pastoral Search Committee: *Lorraine Barrows, Richard Bastille, Jaylene Bengtson, Dave Emond, Kathy Giovanni, Bob Hunt, John Intorcio, Diane Tinkham, and Ted Tunnicliffe*

Christmasfair



Saturday, November 4th

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Congregational Church of Laconia
18 Veterans Square

Baked Goods — House Plants — Gingerbread House Decorating
Cookie Walk — Jams & Jellies — Country Kitchen — Cakes & Pies — “Nice As
New” — Plant Sale — Ornament Sale — Letters to Santa — Snack Bar —
Cookie Walk — Silent Auction





Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC

Stitches of Love presents **SCARVES (& HATS) IN THE SQUARE**

WHAT: Free, handmade scarves, hats
and cookies for all

WHEN: Friday, November 3rd from 10-2 pm

WHERE: 18 Veterans' Square, Laconia

A scarf is a simple piece of woven yarn that can
offer comfort and warmth. It is a small reminder
that you are loved and cared about!

*Please share this information with all
who might benefit from a little warmth*

Laconia Congregational Church receives Spirit of NH Volunteer Champion Award

Thank you to our friends at the Belknap House nominating our church for this honor.



Belknap House

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What a night with [Volunteer NH](#) at the 2023 Spirit of NH Awards!

Earlier this year, Belknap House nominated our friends at the [Laconia Congregational UCC](#) for a Volunteer Champion Award - and they were chosen to be recognized! The members of the Congregational Church have been constant supports for Belknap House through their generous donations, volunteer hours, and weekly meals. We are so glad to be able to give back to you and share our appreciation with the state!

Diane Tinkham of the Congregational Church was there with other members to accept the award and our Shelter Program Manager Tom represented Belknap House (and shared this video with us)!

Congratulations and thank you for all of the work you do!





Lunch & Learn Climate!!

Congregational Church ~ Laconia

**Concerned about the climate?
Curious to know how to
promote effective solutions?**

***Join your Lakes Region neighbors
to discover how you
you can make a difference***

November 9, 2023

12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm

Church Hall

18 Veterans Square, Laconia

(Optional - bring a bag lunch)



Citizens' Climate Lobby

LUNCH & LEARN — The Inca Trail

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — SAVE THE DATE!

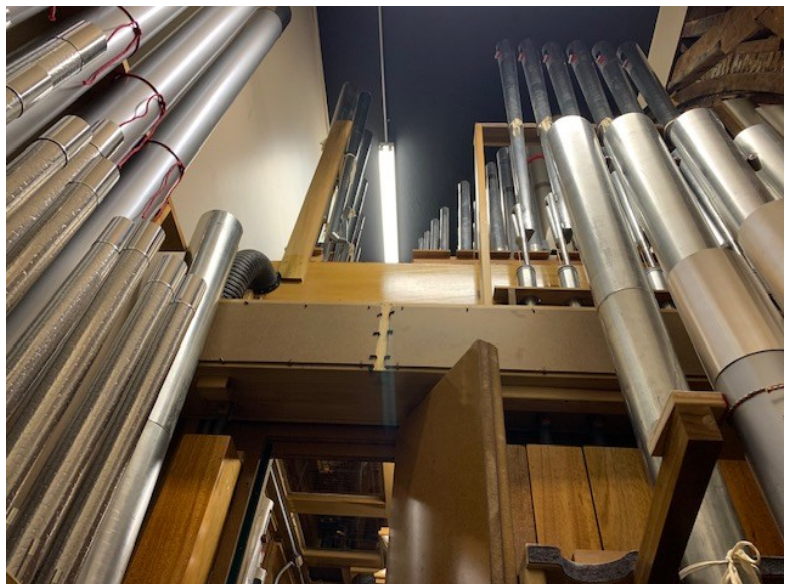
The Inca Trail is one of the most fascinating historical treks in the world filled with beautiful



sites built by the Incas in a lush, mountainous landscape. Follow along with Jean and Mikayla Clarke as their journey of 26 miles taking thousands of rocky steps through high altitude passes to reach the infamous Sun Gate and the hidden City of Machu Picchu or “Old Mountain”. We will cover all the details including training, packing, the challenges we faced, the ups and downs of sharing a tent, Peruvian hiking tips, and more!



We recently had a Lunch and Learn, led by Bob Bengtson, and we got to look behind the large pipes. It was a fascinating look at the secret world behind the choir loft!



AUTUMN WALK

AT PRESCOTT FARM, LACONIA

ROLLING TERRAIN ON WOODLAND TRAILS



SPONSORED BY: EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
NOVEMBER 12TH
1 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.**

**MEET IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH PARISH HALL (OPPOSITE THE
TRAIN STATION) AT 1 P.M. WE WILL CARPOOL OR
CARAVAN 15 MINUTES TO PRESCOTT FARM.**

**BRING A SNACK, WATER, & STURDY FOOTWEAR!
(2.5 MILE LOOP, SOME UPS AND DOWNS, FOREST TRAIL)**

**CONTACT JEAN CLARKE FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Upcoming Book Discussion Groups

Do you want to get a head start on your winter reading? Here is a list of titles for November, January and February.

November 15: **Words, Wonder, and the Divine in You**

by Deborah Roof

https://www.amazon.com/Words-Wonder-Divine-Deborah-Roof/dp/1942155654?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref_=fplfs&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER



January 17: **The Silkworm** by Robert Galbraith (pseudonym of JK Rowling).

https://www.amazon.com/The-Silkworm-Robert-Galbraith-audiobook/dp/B00IMLDGIM/ref=sr_1_1?crid=22ZEU0QU5ENQZ&keywords=Silkworm&qid=1698076360&s=books&sprefix=silkworm%2Cstripbooks%2C79&sr=1-1

February 21: **Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett

<https://www.amazon.com/Tom-Lake-Novel-Ann-Patchett/dp/006332752X>



Women's Breakfast

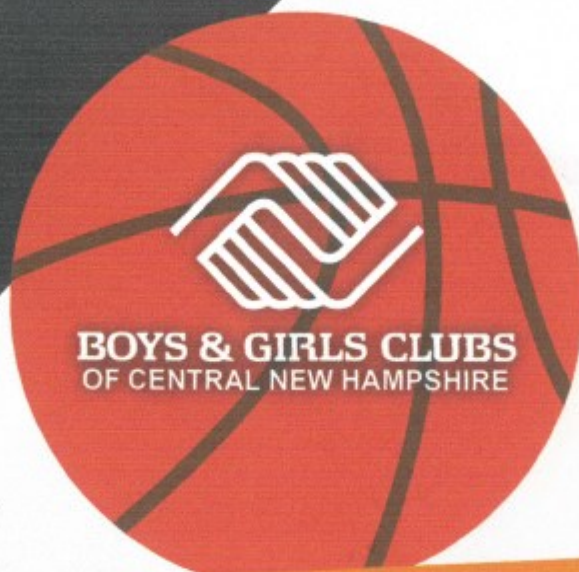
Wednesday, November 15th —
8:30 a.m.

Water Street Café



If you can volunteer to help support the **Hazel Duke Thanksgiving Dinner** (it will be a take out system again this year) please contact Hollis. Here's a link to a story that appeared in the Union Leader about last year's dinner.

https://www.unionleader.com/news/human_interest/church-volunteers-serve-150-meals-during-annual-hazel-duke-thanksgiving-dinner/article_f801dc75-ba8d-594e-bb59-ed6e18583c70.html



VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

The Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region is looking for volunteers for an internal, ten-week basketball program for 3rd and 4th graders. Current roles open:

**Assistant Coach
Referee**

Interested? Looking for more information?



Cady Hickman - Volunteer Coordinator



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November Birthdays

11/1	Cynthia Shippee	11/16	Penny Lamarre
11/2	Lauren Emond Hobbs	11/17	Wilma Davis
11/4	Bob Phillips	11/17	Linda Shea
11/5	Sandy Brallier	11/17	Dylan Lines
11/6	Stephen Bobotas	11/17	Harmony Solomon
11/6	Connie Clark	11/19	LuAnn Mussari
11/7	Elaine Smith	11/21	Joseph Smath
11/8	Helga Brunkhardt	11/23	Chuck Laurent
11/9	Andrew Laramie	11/23	Campbell Lovett
11/10	Mary Lou Birch	11/23	Rebecca Beane
11/11	John Gill	11/24	Jacob Mozier
11/12	Kathy Giovanni	11/24	Caleb Marcel
11/13	Kay Vercoe	11/25	Dawn Dupak
11/13	Judith Genre	11/27	Trevor Hunt
11/15	Ila Mattila	11/28	Maxwell Shippee
11/15	Dan Outhoumontry	11/30	Wayne Domin

NOVEMBER COFFEE HOURS

11/5	Educational Ministries
11/12	Outreach
11/19	Parish Activities
11/29	Property and Finance

*Full Coffee Hour w/beverages & refreshments

