

THE FOCUS

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

MILFORD, NH

OCTOBER 2018

FROM NOT-THE-RECTOR

Dear members and friends:

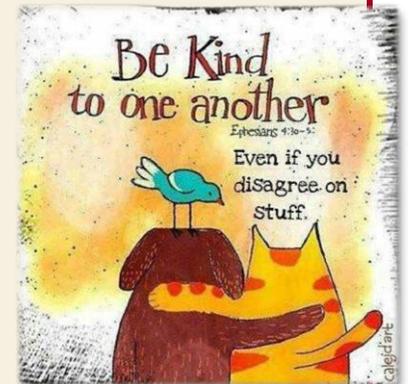
First, thank you to all of you who took the time to fill out a survey to tell us what you think. We appreciate your honesty; we welcome your ideas, your thoughts, and yes, your criticisms.

This week you will receive a summary of the responses. Nothing hidden, nothing left out, nothing white-washed. It's all there, and we hope you will take time to read the document, and to see if some of the ideas put forth by your neighbors might resonate with you.

Not surprisingly, many of you put a high value on community, relationships and support among the members of the parish, and see the church family as a source of joy and comfort.

Many of you would welcome Bible study or retreats, with some interactive online options, allowing for participation by those who cannot attend in person. Some think it's time for a Bible-based men's group. Others would like to extend the fellowship into some more social outings like hikes, bowling, or the movies.

The liturgy we use during the summer seems to have prepared some of you to accept a different form to our worship, although perhaps with a little less humor. Some seek more quiet time before and during the service, and a renewed asking for the presence of God.



Cottage Meetings

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Sunday, Oct. 14, after the 10 a.m. service, at CoOS

Too much emphasis on social justice issues? Some think so, and decry the tendency to include politics in sermons. You recognize that many of us find change is hard, but you want to help us become more comfortable with it.

You find many strengths in our parish in our people, our outreach activities, our care for each other, and our desire to help our community and the wider world. You value our commitment to the Christian tradition within an Episcopal framework.

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From Not-the-Rector – Continued...

Many of you expressed concern about our difficulty in attracting and holding families with young children, and the lack of programs for young people.

There is more, so much more, and the conversation has just begun. We have work to do, and we need you to do it. The next step:

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We have scheduled two cottage meetings: **Tuesday, Oct. 9**, at 7 p.m., at the home of Donna and Chipper in Milford, just up the street from the church; and **Sunday, Oct. 14**, after the 10 a.m. service, at the church. We hope to see all of you there.

If you cannot attend one of these, let us know. We could hold additional meetings if there is a need. If you would like to attend, but need a ride, please call one of the wardens.

We have a lot to talk about:

The survey and how your responses will help to shape our future together. We'll talk about stewardship, and how your generosity in pledging to support God's work in this parish has allowed us to move pumpkin pie sales and rummage sales and even part of the Christmas Fair proceeds to support outreach, not simply to pay the bills. The finance committee will have a draft budget for next year, and a long-range look at our finances.

We'll talk about what you want to see in our building, in our liturgy, in our service schedules, in our outreach efforts, in the way we promote ourselves, in the way we grow and change.

We'll gather, we'll snack, and we'll talk with each other about things that matter. Please join us.

*Chipper Brown and Elizabeth Rotch
Wardens*

CoOS WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

If you've never been to a Women's Group meeting, now is the time! The Women's Group at Church of Our Saviour invites all parish women to the next meeting on Saturday, Oct 20th at 10 a.m. to make crafts for the upcoming Christmas Fair. Please bring a craft you (and possibly others) can work on and a bag lunch. No craft? We'd love to have you anyway. Bring ideas!



What: Women's Group meeting to make crafts for Christmas Fair

Where: Undercroft

When: Saturday, October 20th at 10:00 a.m. (note the earlier time)

Bring: Bag lunch and craft

If you have questions about the October meeting please contact Nancy L.



CHRISTMAS FAIR – *December 1st*

Hard as it may be to believe, our Christmas Fair is just around the corner, on Saturday, Dec. 1. The event that brings together members of our parish and the wider community in a joyful celebration of the holidays requires planning and work well ahead of time.

There will be Christmas ornaments and decorations, a Country Store selling home-made jams, jellies, baked goods and candies, and of course, that extra-sharp Cabot cheddar cheese. It seems as if we sell a ton of that; actually it's only about 100 pounds.



We'll serve lunch to our visitors, and all the cookies they want to buy. We'll have crafts, of course! Last year's filled theme baskets were so successful, we're going to offer them again. We'll have those beautiful and delicious chocolate Christmas trees.



Our Christmas Fair is a great activity for our own parish as we work together leading up to the big day, and it's something others in the community look forward to each year.

There are as many ways to help as there are people seeking a way to participate. Look for announcements during church services and in Wednesday Notes, but don't wait. Speak to

one of the wardens right now; they will point you in the right direction.

When you think, "I could do that," and then you step up and volunteer, you will help make this year's fair a success.



RUMMAGE SALE: *October 25 - 26*

Mark your calendars: Our next rummage sale will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27. The Outreach Committee will oversee the event, but cannot do it without your help.

A successful rummage sale needs plenty of donations of everything from toys and books, household items like dishes, glassware, linens, blankets and towels, to clothing. Especially in the fall, as winter looms in the not-too-distant future, seasonal clothing – sweaters, pants, shirts, jackets, warm sleepwear, boots, socks – for men, women and children is always sought after by shoppers.

We have already heard from people who have begun fall cleaning or who want to down-size. Keep the rummage sale in mind as you tackle your closets, cellars and garages. We cannot accept electronics, and we ask that if something should go to the dump that you take it there, but if it's something you no longer want but someone else could use, bring it on.

You've read it here before, how rummage sales can be a win-win-win: They offer a way for you to recycle what you no longer need; they provide affordable clothing, small appliances, games and books for those in the community who need them the most; and they raise money that Church of Our Saviour uses for outreach.



We'll be looking for volunteers, too, but for now, put the dates on your calendar and plan to help out: Friday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 27.

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

ChIPs Collection October 7 and 14

One of the Outreach ministries that's a favorite of children and teens in the parish is ChIPs, the program that provides Christmas presents for the children of incarcerated parents. Through donated presents, inmates choose gifts for their children, grandchildren or even siblings. Both the children and the inmates are deeply grateful for the caring connection made possible through the ChIPS ministry.



If you'd like to make a contribution to this program, please do so in the specially marked envelopes in the bulletins October 7 and 14. Make checks payable to Church of Our Saviour, with ChIPs on the memo line. Our young people will then go shopping October 28 with the money collected, picking out age-appropriate gifts and books which our delegates will then transport to Diocesan Convention on November 3. If your child or grandchild is interested in joining the young people shopping, please contact Debbie D. Thank you!

Seeking Gently Used Home Improvement Items for Habitat for Humanity's ReStore

Outreach wants to coordinate pick-up from CoOS parishioners of gently used home improvement items for delivery to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore on 101A. ReStore is a discount home improvement center that serves:

- to help fund the building of homes for hard working, low income local families
- to recycle home improvement items and keep them out of the landfills
- to provide quality materials to the public at discounted prices
- to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope



Rather than have just one or two pick up dates in October, the Outreach Committee decided to offer pick-up throughout the year. Contact Debbie D if you have items to donate, making sure you've first checked the [ReStore website](#) to be certain they can use the items you have. In general, they accept non-upholstered furniture, flooring, roofing, lighting, plumbing and electrical items, hardware and appliances. All items must be clean, in working order, and from pet free, smoke free environments. They strongly suggest that you email

photos to restorepickups@nashuahabitat.org to ensure they'll accept the items, especially in the case of large items. After hearing from you, Debbie will then find parishioners who will contact you to arrange a pick-up date and time. Thank you for supporting our partnership with our local Habitat for Humanity chapter!

Join us this fall at *common cathedral*

Will you join us **November 4th** for our visit to the Boston Common for lunch and outdoor worship with people experiencing homelessness? Ecclesia Ministries' *common cathedral* brings together each Sunday, rain or shine, 30-70 of Boston's homeless with "housed groups" like CoOS for worship, lunch and community. We'd appreciate your help. In addition to praying for the homeless and the street ministry of Ecclesia Ministries, sign up in the narthex or contact Debbie D to:

- Join us in Boston to serve lunch and worship on Sunday, November 4
- Shop for supplies for lunch the week before (Outreach will provide the shopping list and fund the purchases. Anyone with a BJ's or Costco membership would be a key member of the shopping team.)
- Help prepare 200 sandwiches on Saturday evening, November 3



Check out the www.commoncathedral.org website for more about the 20 year history of *common cathedral*, as well as the related *common art* and CityReach programs. We look forward to your offers of help and sharing God's love via this ministry. Questions? Talk with Elizabeth R, Chipper/Donna B, Debbie D, Cathy H, Paul/Deb M, or Leah R who've all participated in the past. To quote Elizabeth: "It was a powerful and moving experience. I am humbled, and supremely grateful for the opportunity to have shared lunch and worship with this community."

Seeking Hosts for SNHU's Thanksgiving Hosts Program

Southern New Hampshire University is seeking hosts willing to invite pairs of international students to join your family's Thanksgiving celebration. Many international students are eager for the chance to visit an American family and learn more about our culture and traditions. Newer arrivals feel most comfortable when they can bring a fellow student, which is why SNHU looks for folks who can accommodate two or more guests. SNHU has more than 500 international students studying at the Manchester campus; while they come from about seventy different countries, many come from China, Saudi Arabia, or India.



The reactions of both the students and families who've participated in the past have been very positive. From hosts: "had a terrific time"; "fantastic day"; "fit right in with my family"; "enlightening"; "great experience for the entire family"; "something I will never forget". Students have said: "spent a really wonderful and unforgettable time"; "I learned about American people"; "we had conversation like friends"; "my family back home were very happy for me"; "they let me help prepare the dinner (or the table)"; "I always wanted to visit with an American family"; "I hope I can do this again".

If you are interested in inviting two or more international students to join your family's Thanksgiving celebration, please complete the host family application at the [SNHU website](#) (click on the

International Student link on the top of the opening page, then on the International Student Services link on the left, then [ISS Forms and Resources](#) and return it by November 2nd to Debbie D at SNHU or ISS Office, 2500 N. River Rd., Manchester, NH 03106. In mid-November after receiving host and student applications, Debbie will be in touch with names and contact information for the students you'll be hosting for the day, so that you can reach them to coordinate plans.



This is a truly wonderful opportunity for all who are involved. Please consider opening up your home to share this day when we give thanks for all that is good in our lives.

FROM THE VESTRY

As we ponder the future of CoOS, it is sometimes difficult to imagine what the Church of Our Saviour will or could look like in 5 years. We enter through the same door and almost everyone we encounter inside is someone we've known for years. But one doesn't have to look back even 5 years to see that CoOS of today has changed greatly from what it was then. Recently many of you filled out a questionnaire about your feelings about the CoOS of today and what you'd like to see for the CoOS of tomorrow. The responses covered the spectrum, showing a good representation of voices from our parish. One message that was clear is that we all found value in our CoOS family, and though we like many things about it, almost everyone had some ideas for what they would like to see change in the future.



So how do we unite that spectrum of voices into a more unified vision? Cottage meetings! There we can hear, discuss and consider our fellow parishioner's visions and concerns and hopefully come out of it with a clearer direction to send your Vestry to develop.

Because some of us are more comfortable in a home setting and others more comfortable in our CoOS home, the Vestry invites you to two cottage meetings: **Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.**, at the home of Donna and Chipper B in Milford, just up the street from the church;

and **Sunday, Oct. 14, after the 10 a.m. service**, at the church.

We very much hope to see **and hear** you at one or both of these meetings!

Your vestry member,

Jim B

The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own and do not represent the stated position of the Vestry

Hank is on Refresher Leave

From August 19th through November 30th

Our wardens, Chipper and Elizabeth will assume Hank's duties while he is away

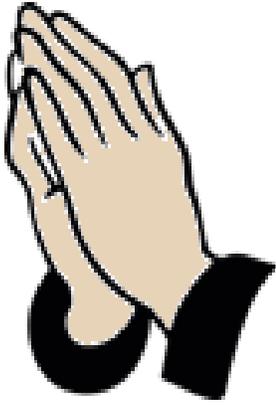
The Rev'd Winnie Skeates will be our primary Sunday supply clergy

The Rev'ds Leonard Zecchini and John Whitely will provide any needed pastoral care

During Hank's refresher leave, if you have a question, a problem, or an issue that needs to be resolved, or if you just want to say "Hello," please feel free contact the wardens, any time:

Chipper Brown

Elizabeth Rotch



Our Dearly Departed

Barbara Mayerle

August 12, 2018

Lucille MacDonald

August 13, 2018

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER...

216th Annual Diocesan Convention

Saturday, November 3 – Christ Church, Exeter

Daylight Saving Time ENDS

Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 a.m.

Café Eucharist

Sunday, November 4 – 10:00 a.m. here at CoOS

Common Cathedral in Boston

Sunday, November 4 – following the 10:00 a.m. service

Women's Group Luncheon

Saturday, November 17 – 10:00 a.m. here at CoOS

October

Birthdays

3 Audrey R
 12 Barbara D
 13 Barbara K
 15 Gail C
 Susan T
 20 Camden B
 Adalyn L
 21 Dave R
 24 Sean F
 25 Richard D
 Jan R
 27 Sharon A
 Wendy B
 28 Edward M
 Gretchen T
 31 Jack O

Anniversaries

2 Karl & Louise N
 7 Steve & Siobhan T
 11 Glenn L & Robin P
 Paul & Deborah M
 18 Dennis & Leah R
 23 Gordon & Joanne L
 Fred & Susan R

Early November

Birthdays

1 Nancy M
 1 Linnea M
 4 Elizabeth R
 5 Heather A

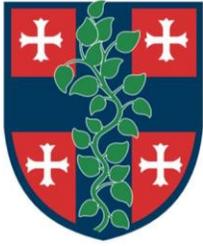
If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed please contact the parish office with your information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>August</i>	2018	Budget	YTD 2016	YTD Budget
<i>Pledge Income</i>	\$ 16,458.00	\$ 15,107.00	\$ 120,678.50	\$ 120,283.00
<i>Other Income</i>	\$ 2,264.00	\$ 1,759.00	\$ 16,721.76	\$ 16,145.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 18,722.00	\$ 16,866.00	\$ 137,400.26	\$ 136,428.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 14,150.94	\$ 16,243.00	\$ 138,164.73	\$ 138,141.00
<i>Surplus(Deficit)</i>	\$ 4,571.06	\$ 623.00	\$ (764.47)	\$ (1,713.00)

Parishioners e-mail List

If you're not on our list and would like to be able to receive our "Wednesday Notes" or other important parish news as it happens, please contact the parish office at 673-3309 or e-mail us at office@coosmilford.org.



The Church of Our Saviour

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Community Supper at SHARE	3 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study	4	5 COOS at Pumpkin Festival in Emerson Park. Pumpkin Pies & more!	6 COOS at Pumpkin Festival in Emerson Park. Pumpkin Pies & more!
7 Pentecost 20 ChIPs Collection COOS at Pumpkin Festival in Emerson Park. Pumpkin Pies & more!	8 Columbus Day Office closed	9 7:00 Cottage Meeting @ the Brown's	10 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 1:15 Centering Prayer 6:30 Executive Committee	11 7:00 Adult Choir	12	13
14 Pentecost 21 ChIPs Collection 11:30 Cottage Meeting @ COOS	15	16	17 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 1:15 Centering Prayer 6:30 Vestry	18 7:00 Adult Choir	19	20 10:00 Women's Group Luncheon—Christmas Fair crafts (Note earlier start time)
21 Pentecost 22 UTO Collection FOCUS Deadline	22	23 7:00 Southern Convocation @ Grace Church, Manchester	24 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 1:15 Centering Prayer	25 7:00 Adult Choir	26 5-7 Rummage Sale	27 9-noon Rummage Sale
28 Pentecost 23	29	30	31 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 1:15 Centering Prayer			

Our normal Sunday schedule...

September — June

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. Nursery
 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

Community groups using Church of Our Saviour....

Scout Pack 421

Den Meetings:
 Will resume in the fall.

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 days a week 6:30 a.m.
 Friday 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday (men) 5:30 p.m.
 (women) 7:00 p.m.



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Forming community through Christ,
serving community in Christ.

STAFF

<i>Rector:</i>	The Rev. Hays "Hank" Junkin
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<i>Focus Editor:</i>	Valerie Hungerford

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The Church of Our Saviour is accessible.



Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 AM Nursery Care
 10:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist

Weekday Schedule

Wed, 11:30 AM
 Holy Eucharist, Lectionary at Lunch

Office Hours

8:30 –3:30 Mon, Weds, Fri

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