



Parish Visitor

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July/August 2025

Friends,

We finished the month of June on a high note. In the 2025 Old Home Days, The First Congregational Church of Walpole, NH won the blue ribbon for our float in this year's parade. The theme for this year was "Our roots run deep." Chuck Shaw thought up the concept for our float, First Congregational Church in Heaven.

We had three generations dressed as angels, and choir members in their robes singing hymns, with our music director playing her coronet. I dressed as an Early American preacher, and the float itself was decorated as a cloud, with the model of our steeple rising above the clouds. Peter Graves provided the trailer and the truck to pull it. In keeping with this theme, we wrote, "Deep Roots, Heaven Bound" on the float.

Not only was our float an example of many hands making light work. It showed us the synergy that materializes when a church comes together and brings the Holy Spirit with us. What we accomplished was better than any of us expected and more than the sum of our efforts. It reminded us that we still have great things ahead of us.

On July 6, we began summer worship in Fellowship Hall. Sitting together around tables, it feels like worshipping family style. I like to call it café-style worship. The relaxed mood of the room enhances the intimacy of our worship. On September 7, we will return upstairs with refreshed appreciation of a sanctuary the saints before us made possible. Then, when worship has ended, we will go downstairs for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

In Christ,
Richard

What a Triumph!

We can certainly be very proud of our entry into the Walpole Old Home Day parade. This was a result of Chuck Shaw's vision and Becky Pearson's drive and enthusiasm, together with a willing team and willing participants. Anna's music really added so much to the whole scene. The most common descriptive I heard was the word "fabulous". It was great publicity for our church and illustrated our great spirit. Kudos and thanks to all who contributed. This is a great start to our next year!

Sue Krebs

Kitchen Update

As the kitchen is nearing completion, let us be mindful of our new finishes. Please wipe any spillage on floors or newly painted cabinets. You may not have spilled something, but if you see something, clean it up, please. If we treat our kitchen as we would in our home, it will stay clean and will last a long time. Even clean up spills on stove, we appreciate your care and vigilance.

Thank you

Peg Winnen, Women's Fellowship Chair

Church Council News July/August 2025

As we begin a new fiscal year and we start organizing our committee's schedule, please take time to update your information for the council. If you can, make a list of your committee members' name, address, phone and email address and bring it to our next Council meeting. Or email to me at winduke1@gmail.com. Also remember to choose a representative to attend our meeting. We usually meet on the second Saturday of the month. Thank you. Let's start the new year on good footing.

Peg, Chair

Missions

This month Mission and Action welcomes two new members to our small but mighty committee, Kat Graves and Bonnie Woodward, who is filling out the remainder of Ellie Shaw's term.

The spring rummage sale netted \$2407.50 (including food and dahlia sales). We will have another sale in the fall. Save the date – September 27, 2025. Details to come.

Missions gave donations of \$300 to River Valley Seniors at Home, \$300 to Our Place, and \$300 to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, for a total of \$900.

Jane Malmberg



Here's what first prize looks like!



July/August Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

Peter Graves	July 4
Emily McNamara	July 4
Patrick Looney	July 5
Maggi Suttles	July 5
Christie Winmill	July 8
Felicia Phillips	July 10
Jan Martin	July 21
Sue Perry	July 22
Mike Delaney	July 29
Kyle Houghton	July 29

July Anniversaries

Chuck and Ellie Shaw	July 7
Tim and Judy Foley	July 11
Dale and Bonnie Woodward	July 19
George and Linda Jeffrey	July 21

August Birthdays

Minna Good	August 6
Jacob Grasse	August 8
Richard Malmberg	August 9
Veronica Graff	August 11
Carol Malnati	August 13
Cameron Johns	August 14
Marilyn Blake	August 15
Carol Lamp	August 15
Harry Boynton	August 16
Caitlin Caserta	August 18
Judy Foley	August 18
Frank Sibley	August 20
Kenneth Durgin	August 24
Becki Bowen	August 29
Tania Johns	August 31
Cheryl Watson	August 31

August Anniversaries

Joe and Linda Graff	August 8	Dean and Marcia Allen	August 15
Eric and Kristin Graff	August 14	Alan and Linda Smith	August 28
Vincent and Carol Malnati		August 29	

Church Calendar July/August 2025

Sunday, July 13 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, July 20 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, July 20 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, July 27 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, August 3 10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Communion in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, August 10 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, August 10 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, August 17 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, August 24 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sunday, August 31 10:00 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am – 12 pm

September Parish Visitor Articles Due: Friday, August 22, 2025



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