NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship Fall Gathering—2018
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC, Sanbornton NH

LIMIT OF SIXTY (60) PARTICIPANTS! Sanbornton has a small Fellowship Hall that will accommodate only SIXTY attendees for this Fall Gathering.

SO DON’T BE LEFT OUT—GET YOUR RESERVATION IN EARLY.
In the morning, Rev. Ruth Martz will lead us in Worship and Communion will be served. She will then share two biblical stories that raise questions about the place of women “at the table,” that is, in society. She will invite us to discuss and reflect upon these stories, including the ways in which God is “still speaking” to us as women in today’s world.

SPECIAL SECRET SURPRISE!
In the afternoon, we have what we think is a very special workshop. It must be a secret or the workshop will be spoiled. The “surprise” will be a craft that ANYONE can do. You WILL love your finished project. Because this project could result in you getting something unfavorable on your clothes, we suggest that you wear something that is washable and can get dirty, or bring an old shirt or apron to cover up.

And that’s all we are going to tell you. You will have to TRUST us!!

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE AT FALL GATHERING
There will be a White Elephant table (including crafts and baked goods) at the Fall Gathering in Sanbornton NH. Please bring an item or two, if you can. THIS IS NOT A RUMMAGE SALE. The money raised goes to help the NHCUCC State Women’s Fellowship’s treasury to run both the Spring and Fall Gatherings, as well as provide some scholarship money for women who attend events like the Celebrations held every four years or our own Retreats held every couple of years. We also help our board members attend the Women Leader of New England events—the group that sponsors and plans Celebrations.
NHCUCC WOMEN’S FALL GATHERING 2018

DIFFERENT WAYS TO TELL THE STORY
SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21 Meeting House Hill Road, Sanbornton NH 03269
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

9:30....................Registration and coffee. Set up White Elephant Tables.

10:00....................Welcome: Sanbornton Congregational Church

..............................Worship with communion: Rev. Ruth Martz

..............................Workshop: Rev. Ruth Martz, Sanbornton Congregational Church

12:00....................Lunch, fellowship, White Elephant Table (includes crafts and baked goods)

..............................Business (secretary’s report) (financial report) (any other business to come before the members)

..............................Workshop: Rev. Dr. Bob Marrone

Union Congregational Church, Peterborough NH

..............................Closing (around 3:30): Rev. Dr. Bob Marrone

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ABSOLUTE LIMIT OF 60 ATTENDEES! REGISTRATION FORM for NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship 2018 Fall Gathering. $12-registration includes lunch and workshops—Make checks payable to: NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship. Mail registrations and checks by September 10 to Trudie Bergeron, 46 Nantucket Place, Greenland NH 03840. Questions? Please contact Trudie at 603-828-4200 or TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

PLEASE INCLUDE AREA CODES.

Name__________________________________ Church_________________________________

Street/City/State/Zip________________________

Telephone_________________________ e-mail (optional)______________________________

Emergency contact—name and telephone number: ________________________________

Special Dietary Needs? If yes, please explain: _________________________________________

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REV. RUTH MARTZ—FINDING OUR PLACE—As we ask questions of women in the gospels, they ask questions of us as well. Have you found your place in the community and the world? How have you been affirmed and how have you been thwarted in your efforts? In Scripture, we hear the stories of women who struggle to find and claim their place at God’s table. We will discuss two stories through which God is still speaking to us as women in today’s world.

Ruth is the pastor of the Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC, in Sanbornton NH. She began her ministry there in December 2011. Ruth and her husband moved from West Hartford CT where they had lived for 32 years. Ordained in 2002, Ruth first served as Associate Minister at the Immanuel Congregational Church, UCC, in Hartford CT, and then at the First Church of Christ Congregational, UCC, in Glastonbury CT. She loves to memorize Scripture, tell biblical and multi-cultural stories, link Scripture with art and music, portray biblical characters, and walk the labyrinth. Ruth also serves on the Merrimack Association Committee on Church and Ministry. She greatly enjoys living on Hermit Lake in Sanbornton!

REV. DR. BOB MARRONE—ART AND SPIRITUALITY—After graduating from Merrimack High School, Bob Marrone attended Keene State College, studied under Bob Neuman, graduating in 1987. Bob worked in human services and healthcare while raising four children with his wife, Jodi. In 2004, Bob served the First Church of Monson, Massachusetts, for 11 years. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andover Newton Theological School in 2013. His doctoral project, Seeing the Gospel: The Art of Visual Liturgics, explores the effect of the visual environment on worship. Bob was called to be the pastor of Union Congregational Church in Peterborough in 2015. He and Jodi live in Peterborough NH.

SAVE THE DATES:
WE ARE GOING TO SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2018.
SPRING GATHERING & ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL/MAY 2019.
WE ARE GOING TO CAMP SENTINEL ON SEPTEMBER 27–28, 2019.
WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATION XI IN 2022.

CELEBRATION XI IN 2022—Do you want to work on this committee? The first planning meeting will be on Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke UCC, 300 Appleton Street, Holyoke MA. Bring a brown bag lunch, and ideas about how to proceed for Celebration XI in 2022. Please RSVP to Diane Wells at dianewells@myfairpoint.net if you are able to be part of this brain-storming gathering. Women Leaders of New England (WLNE) want to know if this every-four-years gathering is important to continue in sharing our faith and Christian love to many around our New England states.

—With love and hope, Diane Wells, Chairperson of WLNE.
DIRECTIONS TO SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

From the South:
I-93 North toward Concord
Turn left onto Sanborn Rd./RT-132 (Walgreen's on the corner)—2.5 mi
Stay straight to go onto Meeting House Hill Rd.
Church is on your right.

From the North and East:
Take 93 South to exit 22.
Take a right on Rt. 127
At the end of Rt. 127, turn right onto Rt. 132
At intersection in the center of Sanbornton (post office on right),
take a sharp left onto Meeting House Hill Rd. The church is on your right.

From I-95 N / Blue Star Memorial Hwy:
At exit 4, take ramp left for RT-16 toward NH Lakes / White Mts.
Road name changes to US-4 W / RT-16 N / Spaulding Tpke.
Keep straight onto RT-16 N
At exit 15, take ramp right for RT-11 W toward Alton / Farmington
Turn left onto RT-11 / Farmington Rd.
Pass Circle K. Keep left onto RT-11 / RT-28A / Main St.
Take ramp left and follow signs for US-3 South / RT-11 West
Keep straight onto US-3 / RT-11
Turn right onto Lancaster Hill Rd (gas station on corner)
Turn right onto RT-132
At intersection (post office in center of Sanbornton),
go straight onto Meeting House Hill Rd. The church is on your right.

PARKING: You may park in spaces around the church, on the street, and in the
parking lot to the right of the old Town Hall (to the right of the church). There is also a
parking lot across from the Sanbornton elementary school. Drive past the church and
turn right onto Hunkins Pond Road. The parking lot is on your right. You will then
need to walk back to the church on the road.

HANDICAP ACCESS: Behind the church, there is a handicap ramp that brings you
into the sanctuary. Those who cannot use stairs will be helped to walk outside a short
distance from our sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. If you park in the school lot and
prefer not to walk to the church, please call Ruth Martz (603-630-7936) to request a
"shuttle."
On Saturday, April 28th, approximately 50 women gathered at the Deerfield Community Church for the NHCUCC Women’s Spring Gathering. As a first time attendee, I admit I wasn’t sure what to expect, but I was not disappointed!

First, the comraderie of all attending was so wonderful. There was no feeling of this church, or that church, or this group, or that person, it was clear we are all one in our love of God and church, and each other.

The White Elephant table had a great assortment of items. As I was walking about, I saw someone with a table top fountain—I have wanted one for a while now but I guess I missed my opportunity—you snooze you lose! I did manage to snag a great book though.

After some great little breakfast snacks, we proceeded to the sanctuary for worship led by Sue Robertson and Cindy Bradley. We were blessed to have Rev. Gayle Whittemore lead us in communion.

Before lunch, BJ Lates, a member of the Missions Ministry Group of the Community Congregational Church, Greenland NH, gave a talk about what it might be like to be one of the poorest people in the world. We were assigned to tables. Some of us had elegant place settings. The food we would have received, as some of the richest people in the world included steak, roasted vegetables, wine, and a beautiful chocolate dessert. Those who sat at the ‘poorest people’ table, would have received only a scoop of plain white rice and maybe a cup of water. The talk was very eye-opening and interesting. We are indeed blessed!

We were then treated to a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill, cooked by Deerfield’s Men’s group. There were also refreshing salads, and yummy desserts.

We started the afternoon with a talk from Bonnie Gardner, also from the Community Congregational Church of Greenland, who shared her stories and photos from her pilgrimage in Haiti. It was fascinating and the photos were wonderful.

We had a business meeting with the usual host of items on the agenda. But of significance was the honoring of Outstanding Women Lucille Keegan from Bristol and Hollis Thompson from Laconia. Chairperson Elaine Barker presented certificates and flowers to the two Outstanding Women.

Lastly, several women shared their stories and experiences from Celebration X, which was held in Portland ME on April 6-7-8. We ended our time together dancing in the aisles together to Carrie Newcomer’s “Room at the Table.” Check it out on YouTube!

We enjoyed a full day of fellowship, fun, food, laughter, songs, and the community of women—what more could you ask for? Hope to see you at the Fall Gathering in Sanbornton on Saturday, September 22.

Note: If your church has not yet made a contribution to the NH Women’s Fellowship, please consider doing so. Make checks payable to NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship.
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FALL GATHERING
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Morning Workshop Speaker  Rev. Ruth Martz
Afternoon Craft Led by  Rev. Dr. Bob Marrone

"When you stand and share
your story in an empowering way,
your story will heal you and
your story will heal somebody else."
Inyanla Vanzant

Cost $12 which includes lunch. Registrations due
September 10. (Strict limit of 60)

Make check payable to NHCUCC Women's Fellowship
and mail to Trudie Bergeron, 46 Nantucket Place,
Greenland, NH 03840

Questions? Contact Trudie at 603-828-4200
or e-mail trudieglenn@yahoo.com
Immigrant and Refugee Support Group Receives a
Challenge Grant of $5000 for Bail Bonds

The Immigrant and Refugee Support Group has received a challenge grant of $5,000 for bail bonds of immigrants currently held in jail in New Hampshire awaiting a court hearing. Bonds can cost at least $1500, but the money is refunded when the case is heard, so the funds can be re-allocated for another client.

Contributions to support this challenge should be made payable to NHCUCC with "IRSG Bond Funds" on the memo line, and mailed to the New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH 03275.

A donation basket will be available at our Fall meeting at Sanbornton Congregational Church if you, or your church, would like to make a donation to these efforts.
Next NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship Board meeting is on
Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.
at the Conference Center, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke NH
Everyone welcome!

Fall Gathering—September 22, 2018—Sanbornton NH
CELEBRATION XI—October 13, 2018—Holyoke UCC, MA
Spring Gathering—April/May 2019—TBD
Fall Retreat—September 27–28, 2019—Camp Sentinel, Tuftonboro NH