New England Messenger

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Birthdays

October 8 Don Eberly, Becky Scheidegger

October 9 Lola Denney
October 12 Carolina Hansen
October 17 Maddix Bernbeck

October 19 Wilma Dopson, Bonnie Barth,

Jack Best

October 20 Cara Sovereign October 22 Ryker Poeschl October 23 Lynn Schellpeper

October 24 Dallas Miller October 26 Steph Rolf

October 27 Avery Dahlkoetter October 28 Jenny Dahlkoetter

Wishing you a very special day filled with God's blessings!

These are the birthdays that are part of the permanent records at church. If one has been missed, please let April Alder know so that she can add the name to the list of birthday special prayers. Thank you.



November Newsletter Deadline: 10/22 /25

Calendar

Office hours are generally Mondays and Wednesdays 9 am to 12 pm and are subject to change depending on personal schedules.

October 1 9-12 pm Office Hours

October 5 10:30 am Worship with

Communion

COMMUNION

October 8 9-12 pm Office Hours

October 12 9:30 Elders Meeting

10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship

October 15 9-12 pm Office Hours

October 19 10:00 Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

October 22 9-12 pm Office Hours

October 26 10:30 am Worship

October 31 HALLOWEEN



Thank you to the sponsor for this month: Dorothy Fuller

The cost to sponsor a month's newsletter is \$75.00 This will cover 2 months.

Thank-you for all your generous support.

Dear Members and Friends of New England Congregational Church,

I'm writing on behalf of the Elders Board to share an important financial concern and a special appeal to our church family.

As many of you may have heard, the air conditioning system in the south wing of our church has broken down. Due to the age of the system, repairs are no longer feasible. A full air conditioner compressor replacement will be needed to restore cooling to that part of the building.

We are incredibly grateful to a generous member of our congregation who has already stepped forward and made a deposit with the lowest-bid contractor. This advance has locked in the bid price and protected us from potential cost increases.

Thanks to this amazing act of generosity and some additional funds already available to the church, we can now cover approximately 40% of the total replacement cost. However, this leaves a significant shortfall. A shortfall that we are now asking your help to fill. We are appealing to you — our members and friends — to prayerfully consider making an additional gift to help fund this essential project.

Your support will ensure that our facilities remain welcoming, safe, and comfortable for all who gather here for worship, fellowship, and ministry. Every Gift Makes a Difference!

Gifts of any amount are deeply appreciated and can be designated toward the South Wing A/C Replacement Fund. If you can't attend church, contributions may be mailed to Karen Beyke our Financial Secretary, at 1516 4th St. Stanton. If you have questions or would like to discuss how you can contribute, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the Elders Board or the church office.

As we continue into the fall season, we are grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of our church family. Your giving makes it possible for New England Congregational Church to offer meaningful worship, life-changing ministries, community outreach, and care for one another.

At this time, we are seeing a shortfall in our weekly giving compared to our budgeted needs. To stay on track and continue funding the mission of our church, we kindly ask:

If you give occasionally, would you consider becoming a weekly giver?

If you already give regularly, would you consider increasing your weekly gift by even a small amount?

Together, even small steps make a big impact. Your consistent giving helps us plan responsibly, support our staff and programs, and maintain our building — including the current A/C replacement project in the south wing.

You can give:

- During Sunday worship
- By mail (checks payable to New England Congregational Church: PO BOX 655 Stanton, NE 68779)

Thank you for your continued generosity, faithfulness, and love for our church community.

With gratitude and hope,

Robert Chilcoat Jr.

On behalf of the Elders Board

New England Congregational Church

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

Offerings to our Church: When you cannot attend, it may be mailed to our financial secretary, Karen Beyke, 1516 4th Street, Stanton, NE 68779. She may be reached at 402-649-8993. Please leave a message. Thank you!

Date	10:30 service	Collections
Aug 31	21	\$956
Sept 7	19	\$961
Sept 14	24	\$446
Sept 21	20	\$2921

ELDERS MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Attendance: Bob C., Bob S., Dallas M., Rod B., Jerett R., Howard S., Don E., Barb H., Moderator Bill J., Pastor Scott, Treasurer, Reggie A.

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Scott, and called to order by Chair, Bob C. at 9:30.

Minutes of the August 10 meeting approved as presented. (Dallas, Howard). Carried.

Treasurer's report: (Howard, Bob S.,) moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as listed. Carried Old Business: Feedback on new communion process? Consensus was the congregation liked the process.

All reports concerning the joint service with St. Lukes have been favorable. A joint meeting of their Council and our Elders will be sometime in the future.

Air conditioning for the south wing is tabled for now. Bob C. will write a letter for the newsletter requesting funds for this project and to consider increase general giving.

Gutter repair/leaf guard process will be installed next week.

New Business: Kitchen water leak. It is dry for now and will be watched.

Confirmation/Sunday School: Pastor Scott will be contacting parents for a meeting time. This will be difficult with all of the confirmands' activities. Planning on once a month with activities the confirmand needs to accomplish before the next meeting. For Sunday School, parents will be meeting soon.

Next meeting October 12 at 9:30

Plow a little farther

Dig a little deeper

Sow a little greater

Pray a little harder

Love a little sweeter

It's Harvest Time

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

If you know someone in the hospital, or the nursing visit, please let us know by phone or e-mail -necchurchsecretary@stanton.net

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October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds cameThe Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

2- Ingredient Pumpkin Cake

This easy pumpkin spice cake recipe is best when frosted with cream cheese frosting.

- 1 15.25-ounce package spice cake mix
- 1 15oz can pumpkin
 - Preheat oven to 350 degrees
 - Generously grease a 9x13 inch baking pan with cooking spray

- Mix together the spice cake mix with canned pumpkin in a large bowl until well combined. Spread evenly into the prepared baking dish.
- Bake until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 20-30 mins.

Frost with cream cheese frosting. Best when served chilled.





<u>Work Group 3 for October – November</u> 2025

Schellpeper, Bob & Lynn - Co-Chair Ashker, Rory & SueAnn Bernbeck, Tony & Devanna Dahlkoetter, Phyllis Dahlkoetter, Tod & Shelley Davidson, Jeanetter Dorsey, Jim & Barbara Poeschl, Paul Poeschl, Ted & Ki8m Remm, Jane Rolf, Jerett & Steph Schuetz, Howard & Julie Tejkl, Loren Throener, Judy



Work Group 2 for December 2025 and January 2026

Beyke, Rod & Karen: Co-Chair Hansen, Bill & Jan Co-Chair Benson, Brian & Wendy Benson, Gary & Bonnie Bernbeck, Cody & Alysha Daniel, Kevin & Jacquee Denney, Lola Noelle, Dennis Seier, Jill Stamm, Tim

HONORARY

Joy Denney Colsden JoAnne Schellpeper



Autumn...The year's last, loveliest smile. — William Bryant

October Word Search

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