

New England Messenger

New England Congregational Church
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This Month: April 2026

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Birthdays

April 3	Wendy Benson, Bryden Rolf
April 10	Sarah (Scheidegger) Webb,
April 11	Chris Chilcoat
April 15	Ashley Reese
April 18	Kolter Van Pelt
April 21	Ryan Hansen
April 23	Lisa Scheidegger
April 27	Mark Chamberlain, Beckett Poeschl
April 29	Jan Reese

*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 know so that she can add the name to the list of birthday special prayers. Thank you.



May Newsletter Deadline:
4/22 /26

Calendar

Office hours are generally Wednesdays
9 am to 12 pm

- April 1 9:00-12 Office Hours
- April 2 1:30 Group Meeting
- April 5 No Sunday School**
7:00 Sunrise Service with
breakfast following. **Easter Egg
hunt for kids** (after meal)
10:30 Easter Sunday Service
with communion.
- April 8 9:00-12 Office Hours
- April 12** 9:10 am Sunday School
9:30 am Elder's Meeting
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
- April 15 9:00-12 Office Hours
- April 19** 9:10 Sunday School
9:30 Council Meeting
10:30 Worship
- April 22 9:00-12 Office Hours
- April 26** 9:10 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
- April 29 9:00-12 Office Hours

**Thank you to the sponsors for
this month: Donna Barr**

The cost of a roll of stamps is
\$78.00. This is enough for 2
months of newsletters.

**Thank-you for all your
generous support.**



Senior Recognition

We will be honoring our graduating seniors on May 3rd, during the Sunday services at church. Please join us in congratulating Gatlin Davidson and Emily Stamm on their upcoming high school graduations. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. We hope you are able to join Gatlin and Emily, along with family members, to wish them success in their future endeavors!



WORK GROUP – 2 Apr- May

Beyke, Rod & Karen: Co - Chair
Hansen, Bill & Jan: Co – Chair
Alder, Reggie and April
Benson, Brian & Wendy
Benson, Gary & Bonnie
Bernbeck, Cody & Alysha
Bernbeck, Lorena
Daniel, Kevin & Jacquee
Noelle, Dennis
Seier, Jill
Stamm, Tim

HONORARY

Joy Denney Colsden



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](tel:402-649-8993). Please leave a message. Thank you!

Date	Attendance	Collections
March 1	31	\$1362.00
March 8	21	\$962.00
March 15	No service due to weather	\$0.00
March 22	26	\$1035.00



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

- 402-439-2175, [Barb Hansen 402-640-0096](mailto:Barb.Hansen@stanton.org) or Rev Frederickson 701-471-6997

Church website at stantonnecucc.org. congregationalchurch@stanton.net



ELDERS MINUTES:

MARCH 8, 2026

Attendance: Pastor Scott Frederickson, Mark Chamberlain, Dallas Miller, Bob Schellpeper, Louise Eberly, Howard Shuetz, Reggie Alder and April Alder

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Scott and called to order at 9:30 am.

Secretary minutes of February 8, 2026 were approved as presented. (Dallas, Louise)

Treasurer's report was approved and carried.

Payment of bills presented were approved and carried.

Old Business

Sunrise Service is on April 5th will be at 7 AM with breakfast to follow. Easter Egg Hunt after breakfast. Regular Sunday Service will be at the usual time, 10:30.

New Business:

Motion to have Lousie added on the signature card at the bank so she can sign checks when Bob C or Reggie A is not available. (Dallas, Mark)

Pastor Scott created a sign-up sheet for the preparation of Holy Communion. This also included the directions on how to prepare. Sheet was passed around table and Elders signed up for the given dates. List is hanging in the kitchen on the cupboard above the communion plates. Carried.

Bob Schellpeper made the request to use the church and Fellowship Hall on July 25th for JoAnne Schellpeper's memorial service. (Howard, Mark)

Meeting adjourned at 9:56

Next meeting: April 12th



146th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NEW ENGLAND CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
JANUARY 18, 2026

The 146th Annual Meeting of the New England Congregational UCC Church was called to order by moderator William Johnson at 11:20 a.m. A quorum was declared with 24 voting members present and 12 proxy votes. An opening prayer was given by Pastor Scott Frederickson.

Table of contents was corrected for all reports to be 2025. (Bob S., JimD)

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS AND QUESTIONS

Board of Elders – Motion to approve Don Eberly, Second Howard Shuetz. Carried.

Church Clerk – Corrected Deaths and Funerals from 10 members to 8. Motion to approve Don Eberly, Second Lynn Schellpeper.

Vacation Bible School - Motion to approve Don Eberly, second Lynn Schellpeper. Carried

Congregational Fellowship – Corrected report submitted by Lorena Bernbeck. Motion to approve Rod Beyke, Second Louise Eberly. Carried.

Memorial Committee – Motion to approve Lorena Bernbeck, Second Karen Beyke. Carried.

Technology – Motion to approve Louise Eberly, Second Bob Schellpeper. Carried

Scholarship – Motion to approve Karen Beyke, Second Lynn Schellpeper. Carried

Newsletter – Motion to approve Jim Dprsey, Second Howard Schuetz. Carried

Financial Secretary – Motion to approve Don Eberly, Second Rod Beyke. Carried

Treasurer - Motion to approve Bob Schellpeper, Second John Mandl. Carried

OLD BUSINESS – No thanksgiving Dinner this year. No Old Business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Christian Education -

Sunday School for 2nd-4th grade children from St. Lukes and New England Congregational will start in January 2026. The PreK-1st and 5-8 grade children will have classes at St. Lukes.

Budget for 2026 Approval

_____The proposed budget for 2026 was presented. It has been voted to approve by the Elders. Motion to approve- Howard Schuetz, Second Jim Dorsey. Carried. **On File**

Copies of the 146th Annual Report are available at the Church

Thank you for your service to those going off committees for 2026.

New England Congregational United Church of Christ		
2026 Annual Meeting Ballot		
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR 2026		
OFFICE	CANDIDATE TO BE ELECTED	SERVING CURRENT TERM
Moderator (Elected for 1- year term - May be elected for 1 subsequent 1-year term)	Lynn Schellpeper	William Johnson
Church Clerk (Elected for 3 year term, May be elected for 1 additional term)	Jack Best	Jack Best
Financial Secretary (Elected for 3 year term, May be elected to indefinite terms)	Karen Beyke	Karen Beyke
Treasurer (Elected for 3 year term, May be elected for 1 additional term)	Reggie Alder	Jim Dorsey
Board of Elders (Elected for 3 year term, May be elected for 1 additional term)	Mark Chamberlin, Louise Eberly, April Alder, Reggie Alder	Jim Dorsey, Howard Schuetz, Robert Schellpeper, Robert Chilcoat, JR, Rod Beyke, Dallas Miller
Church Fellowship Service Committee (Elected for 3 year term)	Lorena Bernbeck, Barbara Hansen, Karen Beyke, Donna Barr	Lorena Bernbeck, Phyllis Dahlkoetter, Barbara Hansen
Auditor (Elected for 1-year term, May be elected to indefinite terms)	Don Eberly	Don Eberly
Superintendent of Christian Education (Elected for 1-year term, May be elected to indefinite terms)		
Board of Christian Education (Elected at the annual meeting - Current Sunday school teachers typically make up the board)	April Alder, Steph Rolf, Cheryl Hansen	Steph Rolf, Cheryl Hansen, Bethany Reese
Memorial Committee (Elected for 1-year term, May be elected to indefinite terms)	Louise Eberly, Kim Poeschl, Candace Hansen, Darlene Johnson	Louise Eberly, Kim Poeschl, Candace Hansen, Darlene Johnson
Newsletter Committee (Elected annually at annual meeting)	April Alder	
Technology Committee (Elected for 1-year term, May be elected to indefinite terms)	Barb Hansen, Bill Johnson	Barb Hansen, Dallas Miller
Historian - Archivist (Elected for 1-year term, May be elected to indefinite terms)	Donna Barr, Louise Eberly	Bonnie Bensen

Elders Status

Name	Elected	Re-elected	Term Expires
Bob Chilcoat - Chairman	Jan-23	Jan-26	Jan-29
Bob Schellpeper	Jan-21	Jan-24	Jan-27
Rod Beyke	Jan-23	Jan-26	Jan-29
Jim Dorsey	Jan-21	Jan-24	Jan-27
Howard Shuetz	Jan-21	Jan-24	Jan-27
Dallas Miller	Jan-25	Jan-28	Jan-31
Mark Chamberlain	Jan-26	Jan-29	Jan-32
Louise Eberly	Jan-26	Jan-29	Jan-32
April Alder	Jan-26	Jan-29	Jan-32
Reggie Alder	Jan-26	Jan-29	Jan-32

