



# Weare in the World

*For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents*

**November 26, 2025**



## STAY SEEN. STAY SAFE.



As nights get longer, it becomes harder for drivers to see pedestrians and cyclists. Please help protect yourself and your children:

- ☐ Wear reflective or bright clothing
- ☐ Carry a flashlight
- ☐ Use bike lights or reflectors

Thank you, Marc and Deb, for bringing this up!

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## Board Sets 2025 Tax Rate; Represents 6.1% Increase

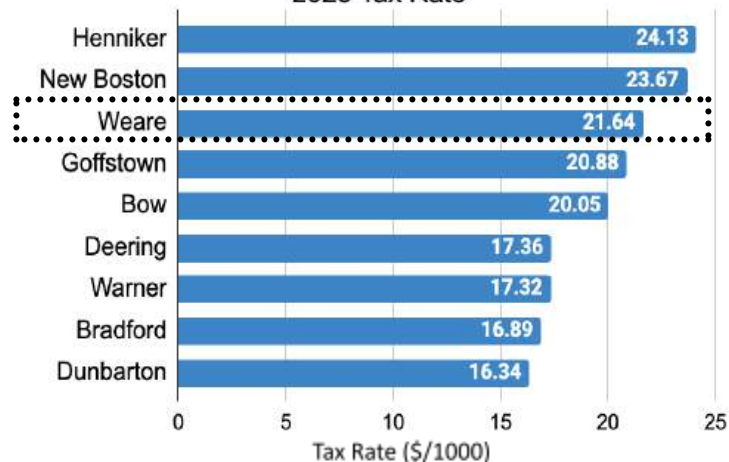
By Tom Clow

At a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. on November 12, the Weare Board of Selectmen (BOS) set the 2025 tax rate at \$21.64 per thousand, representing a 6.1% increase over the 2024 rate. The total rate breaks down as follows: town \$3.90; schools \$15.00; state education tax \$1.44; and county \$1.30. In order to keep the increase at that level, the selectmen used \$385,000 from 2024 unassigned fund balance. This action left a 5% retainage in the general fund, which is the minimum amount recommended by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA).

According to the DRA, as stated in the tax-setting material: "Responsible long term financial planning requires an adequate level of general fund unassigned fund balance to mitigate future risks and ensure stable tax rates." The Government Financial Officers Association suggests municipalities retain between 5% and 17% of regular general fund operating expenditures, also according to the DRA. The regular general fund operating expenditure is the total of the town and local schools tax effort plus the amount collected by the town for the state education tax and the county tax. Weare's regular general fund operating expenditures equal \$28,521,675 according to material presented to the BOS by Finance Administrator Beth Rouse.

Listed below are the tax rates of area towns that had set their 2025 tax rates by Nov. 14 and were reported on the DRA website before the WITW deadline Nov.21.

2025 Tax Rate





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# holiday

## Open House

**DEC 12**  
**5:00-7:00 P.M.**

**REFRESHMENTS, CHEER, AND  
HOLIDAY RAFFLES**

**GET TO KNOW US AND CHECK OUT  
HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER**  
33A N STARK HWY, WEARE NH

## Town Clerk: Office Hours Change

By Pamela J. Moul

The Town Clerk announces the following changes to their regular office hours for the months of November, December, and January. These changes may have a significant impact, and we encourage residents to plan ahead. Normal business hours are 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Contact: (603) 529 7527.

### NOVEMBER:

- Nov. 26 – **Close at 4:30 p.m.**
- Nov. 27 & 28 – **Closed**

### DECEMBER:

- Dec. 24 – **Close at 4:30 p.m.**
- Dec. 25 – **Closed**
- Dec. 26 – Open normal business hours
- Dec. 31 – **Close at 4:30 p.m.**

### JANUARY:

- Jan. 1 – **Closed**
- Jan. 2 – Open normal business hours



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

**EBENEZER MUGGETT & THE PINE TREE RIOT**  
*A dramatization of the book by Connie Evans*

SCREENPLAY BY JEN MATZKE  
 DIRECTED BY KENNY CAHALL

Performance dates: April 17 & 18, 2026

Contact Lisa Wilber at [LWilber@aol.com](mailto:LWilber@aol.com) or text 603-345-9466 to get on the list to be notified of auditions/let us know you are interested

The Weare Community Theater in partnership with the Weare Historical Society are thrilled to announce that we'll be revisiting **Ebenezer Mudgett & The Pine Tree Riot** play in 2026!

## Play Auditions

By Connie Evans

Auditions for the next play are **Jan. 10 & 11**. For location and times, please see our Facebook page. We will post them as they become available.  
[www.facebook.com/groups/376284660928080](https://www.facebook.com/groups/376284660928080)

The director, Kenny Cahall, has said that if you walk in the door on either of those 2 nights - you are an actor! Don't be shy. There are plenty of crowd scenes, and you will not regret it. There is nothing like making friends with a theater group.

It has been decided to redo the Pine Tree Riot play as it has a connection with the 250th. Our play on the Civil War will be in 2027. If you don't want to be on the stage, you can always help with the set or props or advertising or makeup or a vast array of other tasks.



## Widows & Unmarried Women - This Benefit May Apply to You

By Dick Ludders, President - Stone Fund Committee

"The Joseph Stone Fund was created in 1896 to provide assistance to "widows and unmarried women, who are inhabitants of the Town of Weare, entitled and worthy of aid." The funds are managed by Weare's Trustees of the Trust Funds, and the interest and earnings are distributed by a committee made up of appointed members of the Town's churches, the Weare Welfare Officer, and a representative of the Weare Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the terms of the Fund. To get an application form and instructions please contact your church office, the Weare Welfare Officer, or David Erikson, the Stone Fund secretary ([daviderikson@comcast.net](mailto:daviderikson@comcast.net)), or other committee members listed on the application instructions. Application due date: December 15th 2025.



## American Legion Auxiliary Post 65

By Ellie Chapman, Member

Some of you may be aware of the yearly wreath laying at NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. This event stems from the nationwide organization "Wreaths Across America" whose mission is to honor and remember all of our deceased veterans. Volunteers place the wreaths on veterans' graves at local and national cemeteries. You can find more information at <https://www.nhsvc.com>.

The Auxiliary will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holiday Bazaar on **December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Legion Post 65**, N. Stark Hwy in Weare from **9 a.m.-4 p.m.** We had a great turnout last year and are hoping to see more of you this year. The event will include: visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus; kids craft table; and kids cookie decorating. For the grownups, a variety of vendors will be there for your holiday gifts or decorations! Hot chocolate and water will be available.

December also finds the Legion & Auxiliary working together with a local school to provide Christmas gifts for a local family through the school's "Angel Tree Project". We are given a wish list from the family and try to fill as many of their wishes as we possibly can.

Later in the month we will donate 25 Christmas stockings to the Liberty House in Manchester. The stockings will be filled with snacks, personal items, puzzle books, notebooks and more. The Liberty House provides needed support and housing for homeless veterans. Such a busy time for us all.....**Tis the Season!!**

We always welcome new members! For more information go to [WWW.ALAFORVETERANS.ORG](http://WWW.ALAFORVETERANS.ORG)



THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PARANORMAL GROUP PRESENTS

# INTO THE SHADOWS

A FREE PRESENTATION

ALL INVITED

GHOST HUNTING TOOLS & METHODS

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**DEC 11 @ 6:30**

**WEARE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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## Weare's First Annual Top Dog Raffle

Did you know that almost 2,700 dogs call Weare home? And, that under NH RSA 466:1, every dog four months or older shall be licensed annually in the clerk's office of the town in which the dog is kept?

NH dog licenses are effective from May 1st to April 30th of the next year, regardless of when the initial license was issued. An owner whose dog is not licensed by June 1st will be subject to a \$25 civil forfeiture fee as well as a \$1 per month late fee.

To encourage residents to license their dogs between **January 1st and April 30th**, we are excited to announce Weare's First Annual Top Dog Raffle. Special thanks go to our local sponsors - **Balboni's Landscaping, Dunkin Donuts, Food Not Bombs of New Hampshire, Ilsley's Ice Cream, Marc Phillips Automotive, TandemKross and TMS Diesel**. We will have three gift baskets filled with treats for humans and canines alike. Each household that licenses their dog or dogs before April 30th, will get a ticket to enter. Winners will be selected on Friday, May 1st and will be notified by the Town Clerk.

In order to be eligible for an entry ticket:

- You must be a Weare resident, and dogs need to be licensed between January 1st and April 30th, either online or in person at the clerk's office.
- A valid rabies certificate must be on file upon licensing. We will be holding a rabies clinic on March 19th from 5:30-7:00 at the Old Town Hall.
- Entries are limited to one ticket per household, regardless of the number of canine residents.

Questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's office at 603-529-7527 or [pmoul@wearenh.gov](mailto:pmoul@wearenh.gov)

**LIVE**

# Musical PERFORMANCE

**December 3 - 1:00 p.m.**

**FLUTIST, JIHYE KIM**

JIHYE IS AN ACCOMPLISHED FLUTIST AND LIVES IN WEARE WITH HER FAMILY

**Hand in Hand SENIOR CENTER & THRIFT SHOP**

Hand in Hand Senior Center  
33 N Stark Hwy, Weare

CONTACT US FOR MORE  
INFO: 603-529-4263

FREE Performance Join us!

2nd Annual  
Weare American Legion Auxiliary  
**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

**Saturday \*December 6th\* 10am - 3 pm**

Vendor hours 9 - 4  
12 N Stark Hwy, Weare, NH 03281

**Vendor spots limited! Reserve Today!**  
\$30 registration - Table and Chairs included

Contact Martha: [Mrs.Kaloogian@gmail.com](mailto:Mrs.Kaloogian@gmail.com) / Linda: [lindaholbrook.lh@gmail.com](mailto:lindaholbrook.lh@gmail.com)

## Poems from a Writer's Retreat

On a weekend in late October, writers gathered at the Follansbee Inn in N. Sutton for a writing weekend retreat led by Marge Burke and Pat O'Connor, co-authors of *Spirit in Creation*. Participants including Diane Padilla, a member of the Weare Area Writers Guild, paired up and spent Saturday morning in nature, absorbing the gifts offered, then writing about their experience in the afternoon. In the evening, everyone read their poems to the group. Each listener was asked to choose a word from the poem they were hearing, then write their poem about the word in ten minutes.



### A Beauty of Dragonflies

Bird screaming overhead?  
No, a child with siblings and family, out for a walk.  
**SPLAT !!**  
A leaf hits the right side of my face  
And partially covers my eye.

Weather mostly sunny, blustery; fair weather  
Clouds resemble a beauty of dragonflies.  
Past peak foliage, still some colors, bright, blazing;  
Most muted with a slight dusky burnish.

Lake water waves light slate gray  
Hints of blue shimmer,  
A glimpse of winter white and blues to come.  
The chill breeze blows away some cobwebs.

Clean fresh air; I sit in discomfort  
Bearing in mind a stoic test  
To do something uncomfortable each day,  
As comfort kills creativity.

In this chill moment, nature and God  
Work in tandem, reminding us that  
Our breath and beauty end  
Like the dying of the leaves.

A church bell rings to sound the hour of my life.  
A signal for me to rise and bow to the power that is  
beyond humanity, God and Mother Nature...  
But, I'll be back.

- Diane T. Padilla

### The Splat ❄️

Sometimes it takes a splat  
to wake me to what is  
right in front of me, an  
unexpected leaf falling  
from above, or a sunray  
slanting through the trees  
casting a golden glow  
on the world around me,  
or whatever gift God  
is giving me in the moment,  
let's hear it for occasional splats.

- Marge Burke



## Nature Frame Workshop

Thursday, December 11, 3:00  
Weare Public Library  
Ages 9-16



Come create your own one-of-a-kind picture frame using materials like birch bark, pine cones, moss and twigs. We'll learn how being in nature helps us relax and feel more grounded-and we'll explore how to "reframe" our thoughts, too.

Bring a favorite photo, quote, or give this as a gift. All materials provided.

Please call 603-529-2044 to reserve your spot.







## BOOKS !!

### For Christmas

### Part One

By Sharon Czarnecki

I want to take a minute to remind you that if you are buying books this Christmas, you have so many excellent options for supporting local authors. After all, before they were famous, John Grisham and Nora Roberts were “local authors” sending works off to their publishers with fingers crossed.

Many of the folks in the Weare Area Writers Guild are equally talented – they are just, as yet, undiscovered. 😊 I think you will be amazed at what is available to you.

Let me first address what I think is one of the most important works offered. Marge Burke has written an amazing trilogy on Alzheimer's that follows the journey she and her husband endured. It begins with the very rare perspective of her husband when he was first diagnosed and progresses through his care in a nursing home, hospice, and her eventual adjustments to the loss. I can not stress enough how unique and helpful these books are. Although the topic is certainly depressing, amazingly, her books are NOT. She walks you through day by day with concrete suggestions for how to cope and how to maintain love in the face of such an adversary. We are blessed to have such a brilliant author in our own little town. Her books – including several other works – are available at local booksellers and at her website [www.marjorieburke.com](http://www.marjorieburke.com).

All the other books I will mention are available at Amazon and usually local book sellers as well.

Another very popular author in our group is Karen Coulters. She writes delightful, light romance novels set in York, Maine. As promised, each book ends on a positive note, and folks especially enjoy the highlights of York that are featured within the pages.

If you want some education with your romance, then consider the Sugar Sun series by Jennifer Hallock. These are set in the Philippines where the author has lived for a time and are wonderfully accurate as to historical events. But, be aware, these are definitely PG-13.

Now here is something with a twist. How about science fiction with a humorous bent? David Collins is a retired software engineer who has jumped to favored status on Amazon with over 33 books published so far. For your electronic readers, his books are usually very inexpensive or free on Kindle unlimited. Like all science fiction, most of

them make you stop and think. Unlike most science fiction, they also make you laugh.

The most versatile author in our group is Ellen Reed. She is what some would call a multimodal super competent. She has written historical fiction about the first murder in Henniker, ghost hunting stories, murder mysteries with a New England theater group setting, and her sense of humor is evident everywhere. I know those of us in the Weare Area Writers Guild are especially fond of the distinct characters she creates. If you are lucky enough to catch a reading from her, each person is presented with full on accents – delightful. Reed is so versatile that I will continue in Part 2 with more of her work.

In closing, let me just say, if you plan to buy a book this Christmas, you are surrounded by talented people and need look no further than <https://beirutjen.wixsite.com/weareareawriters>

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#### Cooking Matters for Adults

### Nutrition & Healthy Cooking Course

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**Are you looking to prevent or manage  
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**In this course you will learn skills related to:  
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Meal Planning, Budgeting, & More.**

**Bonus: \$10 grocery gift card  
after attending class.**

**Questions? Contact Rachel Felder at  
[rachelfelder@nhfoodbank.org](mailto:rachelfelder@nhfoodbank.org)**

**Date: Dec 8 (4-6 p.m.) Via Zoom**

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## WeAre Toddlers - Free Event

By Ali Burkhamer

**December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon**

Mark your calendars as this is the LAST event of the year! As a gift from me to you for an amazing first year, please enjoy this free event and have fun together making a Christmas ornament! We'll deck the halls with festive cheer, snacks, and refreshments. Please bring your toddler for a fun time. Happy Holidays and hope to see you there!



## Weare Public Library

**NOW HIRING:** Librarian (part-time). Apply at: [bit.ly/wearejob](http://bit.ly/wearejob)

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### MONDAYS

- 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Pokemondays (kids). Drop in to meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card enthusiasts - along with games and prizes.

#### TUESDAYS

- 2:15 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month): Anime & Manga Club (ages 10+). Stop by after school to talk about manga and watch your favorite anime shows!

#### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

- 2 p.m.: Cards! (adults). Meet and play pinochle or cribbage with other card game enthusiasts.

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 2-5 p.m.: Afterschool Gaming (ages 6+). Drop in to challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, and other systems. Featuring collaborative games like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and Minecraft.

#### FRIDAYS

- 10:30 a.m.: Baby Playgroup (ages 0-3) An informal

gathering for young children and their caregivers. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys & music.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Monday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m. / Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m. / Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m. (kids & teens): Gingerbread Houses. Design, build, and decorate your own "gingerbread" house with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. Supplies provided. Call the library to sign up for one of the three dates.
- Thursday, Dec. 11 at 3:00 p.m. (ages 9-16): Nature Frame Workshop. Create a one-of-a-kind picture frame using birch bark, pinecones, moss, and twigs. Discover how nature helps us relax and "reframe" our thoughts. Bring a favorite photo or quote (or make it a holiday gift!). All materials provided. Call the library to sign up.
- Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 (adults): NHPG: Into the Shadows. Join the New Hampshire Paranormal Group (NHPG) for a spooky presentation covering the scientific tools, controlled methods, and critical thinking they use to investigate and debunk paranormal activity. They'll demo ghost hunting devices and recount their eeriest discoveries.
- Thursday, Dec. 18 at 3:00 (ages 9-16): Teen & Tween Crafter's Club: Cookie Decorating. Bring your imagination and friends to create three of your own festive treats with glaze icing and a variety of sprinkles. Call the library to sign up.
- Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 (adults): Book Group: Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee. We're reading and discussing Dee Brown's eloquent, meticulously documented account of the systematic destruction of American Indians during the second half of the nineteenth century. Call the library to reserve your copy.

**For programs that require registration, call 603-529-2044.**

The WPL offers discounted passes:







## Tai Ji at Senior Center

By Diane T. Padilla

It's said that with age comes wisdom. While that may or may not be true, age brings changes to the body. Besides stiffness and inflexibility, there's loss of muscle mass, decreased bone density, less skin elasticity, slower reflexes, and a change in gait and posture. Not to mention brain fog! A healthier diet, better rest, and particularly exercise are all helpful. But even the most active people feel the changes of aging.

So, when I started feeling the aging effects, including joint replacements, I knew I had to make adjustments to my exercise routine. Heavy weightlifting, hard martial arts, and running were out; lighter weights, walking, and yoga took their place in my life, but I missed the challenge of martial arts. I looked into Tai Chi, and for a while, took some classes. But my work schedule changed, and I was unable to continue. There were no other twice weekly Tai Chi options available, so I resumed my alternate regimen.

I never really gave up looking for Tai Chi, and luckily, something very close to home became available. On January 28, 2025, I took the literal first step. Thanks to the hard work of Heleen Kurk, a volunteer at the Weare Senior Center, Tai Ji Quan: "Moving for Better Balance" (tjqmbb) came to our town.

This program was developed by Dr. Fuzhong Li and uses a scientific approach to improving balance and preventing falls. It's taught by Weare resident Sandy Turcotte, who has first degree black belts in the Korean martial arts of Taekwondo and Hapkido.

Turcotte explains, "I started practicing martial arts at 19, during college, while studying health and fitness, and, after school, took a break to have a family. I spent 30 years full time in the field of fitness and taught many group exercise classes, therapeutic classes, personal training and coaching. My specialty was, and is, seniors. I started teaching Tai Ji Moving for Better Balance about 10 years ago. I taught at the Granite YMCA and offsite community programs for the Y".

The difference between traditional Tai Chi and this program is that Tai Ji "Moving for Better Balance" is an evidence based therapeutic program designed to improve balance and physical function, preventing falls. This program adapts traditional Tai Chi principles into a program focusing on functional training. Traditional Tai Chi encompasses martial arts and meditation and is a broad practice with goals that can vary from self-defense to general fitness.

Turcotte goes on to explain that "The outcome of Tai Ji "Moving for Better Balance" is that this program has been


proven in effectively reducing the frequency of falls and improving balance in individuals and helping them feel less fearful of falling. I ended up at the Weare Senior Center because I wanted to bring this fantastic program to the individuals that I feel needed it most being in a rural setting. I wanted my community, the one I live in, to benefit from this program and not have to travel so far to get it. I felt like our town could benefit from this life changing program tremendously. This program in my opinion is essential to the health and well-being of older adults."

Turcotte also says she's had countless people tell her how this program has changed their lives for the better. "For some it's been the difference of having a walker and then not having one. For some it's the confidence that it brings into their lives where they feel like they can walk down the stairs without holding the railing. That is life transforming."

The program is open for the first three weeks, but after that is a cutoff point because it is a progressive program; it starts off easy and ends up at a progressively stronger pace. The program is twice a week for one hour at a time and runs for 24 weeks. Currently it is grant funded, so there is no cost for participants, although this could change in the future.

Turcotte emphasizes the importance of listening to your body. "If you are noticing balance issues don't wait. Take care of yourselves, eat healthy, get good quality sleep, drink water, keep stress down and exercise with classes like Tai Ji Moving for Better Balance. It's never too late to start taking care of yourself!"

For more information on Tai Ji Quan for Better Balance, go to: [www.https://tjqmbb.org](https://tjqmbb.org). Interested in trying it out? Contact the Weare Senior Center for further information.



**Hand in Hand  
SENIOR CENTER  
& THRIFT SHOP**

**HO, HO, HO,  
A WRAPPING WE WILL GO!**

**LEARN HOW TO WRAP 3 FESTIVE  
PACKAGES FOR CHRISTMAS.**

**DECEMBER 2, 2025  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.**

**BRING 3 GIFTS - BOXED WITH ANY TISSUE  
PAPER/STUFFING AS WELL AS SCISSORS  
IN A BAG LABELED WITH YOUR NAME.**

**Please no huge boxes or tiny ones. We'll provide  
tape, wrapping paper, ribbon, cards, and tags.**

**SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE REQUIRED. CALL OR VISIT US!  
603-529-4263 or email [hkurk@hihsc.org](mailto:hkurk@hihsc.org)**

**HAND IN  
HAND**

**SENIOR CENTER  
& THRIFT SHOP**

*The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.*

**33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281**

**Wed - Fri, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat 10 a.m - 4 p.m.**

**603-529-4263/ [www.facebook.com/hihsc.org](http://www.facebook.com/hihsc.org)**

Come one, come all on **Tuesday, December 2 at 1 p.m.** to learn how to really wrap your presents. (Haven't you always wanted to wrap them up beautifully?) Master wrapper, Sharon Czarnecki (yes, the same Sharon that gets WITW news to us) will teach you, and she will bring all the trimmings. You just need to bring up to three gifts ready to wrap. Signup is required. (See flyer on page 7 for details.)

And there's another event happening. Last year, Jihye Kim graced the Center with a beautiful flute performance. This year she will be back to perform on Wednesday, **December 3 at 1 p.m.** You won't want to miss this. (See the flyer on page 3)

Yes, there's more! Hand in Hand Senior Center will hold a Holiday Open House on **Friday, December 12 from 5 - 7 p.m.** You'll get a chance to learn more about the Center and what we're all about. There will be several holiday raffle items and refreshments. This will be the first time that our Thrift Shop will be open in the evening. Bring yourself and tell your friends. We're waiting to meet you (See flyer on page 1).

Last Wednesday about twenty-five people had a lively sing along with Sully and Mike. There was dancing and clapping, laughter and singing, and so much fun.



Don't forget that Shirley and crew will be providing Thanksgiving Dinner on **Thanksgiving Day at 1 p.m.** Call or come to the Center to sign up. Shirley's warmth, big smile, and caring will make you feel like family.

This may seem to be a long way off, but Hand in Hand Senior Center will open its doors for Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day. More about that in the next issue of WITW.

*"May your Thanksgiving be filled with peace, love, and gratitude."*

# Eat



Join us for lunch every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dine in, take out, or free delivery.

**November 26:** Breakfast casserole, hash browns, cantaloupe

**November 27:** Thanksgiving Dinner at 1 p.m. Call 603-529-4263 to sign up.

**December 3:** Soup and sandwiches

**December 10:** Pesto cheese tortellini, salad, bread  
Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available. Donations are graciously accepted. All are welcome to stay and socialize, play games, and work on crafts.

## Church Corner



### Holy Cross Happenings

On **Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM**, there will be a special service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hopkinton for those who are dealing with grief or loss and find the upcoming holidays difficult. This simple, quiet, meditative service offers ecumenical scripture readings, some poetry, and the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one. The service is sponsored by Holy Cross Church in Weare, St. John the Evangelist in Dunbarton, and St. Andrew's, the host parish, and open to anyone seeking solace and comfort at this time of year.

**See CHURCH CORNER, page 9**



**CHURCH CORNER, continued from page 8**

## Weare Bible Baptist Church

82 N. Stark Hwy. Weare, NH

WORSHIP: **SUNDAYS at 11 a.m.** *Changing lives one verse at a time.* Dec 7 – guest pastor Peter Chamberlain Jr.

Candlelight Service **Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.**

Sunday School at **10 a.m.**

Fellowship Service **12:30 p.m.**

**NEW** Young Adult Sunday School (College to Age 30)

*Live streaming on YouTube @wearebiblebaptist for most services*

**Wednesday** prayer meeting **7:00 p.m.**

GAME NIGHT: Young adults (as above) will meet for game night **Dec. 12 & Jan. 2 from 7-10 p.m.** Come out and have some fun!

TOYS FOR TOTS: Registrations will end **November 30.**

Distribution will be **December 13.**

PIE AND PRAISE: Who doesn't like pie? We will have our annual Pie and Praise meeting **Tuesday, November 25th at 7 pm.**

For more information contact us: (603) 212-1600

email: [office@wearebiblebaptist.com](mailto:office@wearebiblebaptist.com)

Website: [wearebiblebaptist.com](http://wearebiblebaptist.com)

## Funky Fungus

Mid-fall, garden  
perennials cut back,  
ground looks bleak,  
just bare brown,  
growing season over,  
first frost came late,  
now it's time for rest,  
except,



what is that earthy  
scent in the air, as  
if spring had sprung  
when earth awakens,  
growth begins again,  
except,

unexpected growth  
appears amid the brown,  
before ground freezes  
my eyes drawn to  
musky aroma,  
three white mushrooms  
brave colder conditions,  
stand unshakable  
determined to grow.

- Marge Burke



## Leaves

Oh no where did the leaves go  
On the trees as we did see  
The wind is flowing through the trees  
The sun is bright  
The colors are delightful  
Fall is a great time of year  
Sunflowers fall down too cold for fall  
Save the seeds for next year  
The crockpot will soon come out  
Yummy winter soups are next for all to enjoy  
Love the time of year  
The rake will help with the clean up  
And then the grass will appear  
Snow will arrive and cover the grass  
Until spring mud season will soon arrive  
New England is a wonderful place to be

- Bonnie Kurylo



## POETRY CORNER

### Lingering Leaves

Landscape in late autumn mode,  
unadorned, leaves gone, trees bare  
waiting for snow cover,

except

some leaves lingered longer  
on nearby tree, a bright spot,  
in a cloud filled day, bringing  
warmth, energy, a sense of  
playfulness to a drab day,  
vibrant tangerine color,  
tree a rounded ball of leaves  
looking like bushels of ripe fruit,  
sweet and tangy tangerines.

- Marge Burke



## Dan

He is now a man  
 How did that happen  
 I will never know  
 I am so happy that he turned around  
 He is a hard worker  
 That is Dan  
 Do not dismiss him  
 He will not understand  
 I believe in him  
 He believes in himself  
 Keep going and believe  
 Remember he turned around  
 We respect him all would agree  
 He is growing everyday  
 Continue with that spirit that will grow  
 Do not look back  
 Dan is just a man but he is the greatest  
 Who I adore

- Bonnie Kurylo

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## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, Dec. 1

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

### Tuesday, Dec. 2

6 p.m. - Weare School Board meeting

### Wednesday, Dec. 3

7 p.m. – Master Plan Subcommittee meeting

### Thursday, Dec. 4

6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Advisory Committee

7 p.m. – Public Library Trustees meeting

### Friday, Dec. 5

10:30 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

### Monday, Dec. 8

6:30 p.m. - Board of Selectmen meeting

### Tuesday, Dec. 9

6:30 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting

### Wednesday, Dec. 10

6 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting

7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting

7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting