### **Sturtevant Chapel Celebrates 129 Years!**

On March 10, 1894, the George Street Mission opened its doors at 101 George Street due to a vision turned mission to reach the youth of North Keene. The first Sunday School meeting was held the next day with 51 children attending. At that time, Charles Sturtevant was acting as church librarian. Other activities were added to further help the neighborhood youth in practical ways.

In 1897, a schoolhouse on Washington Street (now 412 Washington Street) was purchased and the move was made to that building to offer a more central location. Charles had continued to help out during his vacations from Dartmouth College. Shortly after his graduation in 1899, he was put in charge as superintendent.

On March 14, 1905, a corporation was formed and the mission became the George Street Chapel. Soon after, a campaign was started to buy the corner lot at Washington Street and Washington Avenue, as the Sunday School had outgrown its quarters. After a delay of several years due to the economic depression, the new church building was dedicated on December 14, 1913.

Charles Sturtevant remained very active in the chapel until his sudden death at age 52 in 1926. The shock of this great loss was evident throughout the city of Keene as more than 600 people came to show their love and respect for this great man of God at his funeral. One of the first acts of the corporation after his death was to change the name in 1927 of the George Street Chapel to Sturtevant Chapel as a memorial to the man that God had raised up to build this spiritual work in North Keene.

There is much more of the history that can be read in the booklet titled, "Sturtevant Chapel: A History" by Sylvia Lombard, available in the library. There is also a display of photographs that will be up for the month of March in the library.

Sunday Services:
9:30 am
Mondays,
Nursery care offered during service
Communion served
Wednesdays
Expression of the month
Sunday of the month
Wednesdays
Fridays

Hearing devices are available for use during services. Please see an usher or greeter for assistance.

# Sturtevant Chapel Today's Message

March 12 - March 18, 2023



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### Calendar

### Sunday, March 12

Deaconess Meeting 8:30 am, Classroom 2

Fellowship & Coffee following service Fellowship Hall

Sunday School Classes 11 am, Classrooms

Hospitality Meeting
11 am, Kitchen

#### Tuesday, March 14

Men's Bible Study 10 am, Fellowship Hall

> Elders Meeting 7 pm, Zoom

#### Wednesday, March 15

Kidz Konnection & Youth Group 5:30 pm - 7 pm Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, March 16

Ladies Bible Study 1 pm Marge's House, Sullivan

### Saturday, March 18

Secret Sister Reveal 10 am - 11:30 am Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, March 19

Fellowship & Coffee following service Fellowship Hall

Sunday School Classes 11 am, Classrooms

## Happy Birthday, Sturtevant Chapel!

On March 10, Sturtevant Chapel marked its 129th anniversary.

Please visit the exhibit in the library including photos and artifacts highlighting the church's history.

If you have any questions about our history, church historians

Dave and Joy Kempton

will be happy to help!

## **Next Saturday**

Secret Sister Reveal Saturday, March 18 10 am to 11:30-ish

Fellowship Hall
Please bring a small, final gift
for your sister as part of the
reveal - and your own fun mug to
show off and drink from!

Light refreshments will be served.

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### **NEW SECRET SISTERS STARTING!**

Join the next Secret Sister exchange.

Forms are available on the Deaconess table downstairs.

# Happy Birthday to

Donna Miller, March 16 Dave Rask, March 18

### ~ Sweet Fellowship ~

Please bring treats to share during Fellowship & Coffee.

<u>Last initial:</u>	<u>Bring a trea</u>
U - Z	March 1
A - E	March 2
F - J	April 2
K - O	April 9
P - T	April 16

### Men's Bible Study Every Tuesday

When: Tuesdays, 10 - 11 am Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: Men
Facilitator:
Gordon McFarland
Come join in the
and some good

Come join in the Bible Study and some good fellowship.

Bring your own coffee.

### Kidz Konnection (k-5th) & Youth Group (6th-12th)

meet every Wednesday from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner is followed by games, activities, prizes and learning about Jesus.

There is no cost to attend. Bring friends! Families welcome to stay for dinner

Contact: Claudia LaBrecque 603-352-9657

# If you're visiting with us today, we'd love to meet you!

Please fill out a visitor card and give to an usher or place it in the offering box.

Be sure to take home a gift bag from the table in the lobby.

Please feel welcome to stop by the office, give us a call, or email us at: info@sturtevantchapel.org

We hope to see you again soon!