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# The Federated Courier

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## From the Pastor's Desk



*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

*Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his  
people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his  
courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. --  
Psalm 100*

Dear Folks,

It is a season for giving thanks and I am grateful for how Jesus' spirit is living through each one of you. Your fervor for faith, food, and fun is an inspiration! As we gather in the harvest of faith on Stewardship Commitment Sunday, I am confident that your sense of hope and joy for the ministries of FCC will significantly move us toward our goal of having enough to overflowing for the work of the church.

At our Annual Meetings you looked ahead toward our ministries in 2016. You gave thanks for what we had accomplished and envisioned a time when we would be engaged in: *Approaching newcomers to Town, Women's Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship, Contact with College kids & children baptized, FCC Facebook page to keep connected, Gourmet chef meal, Anxiety – stress workshops, Supper Club, Blessing of pets, La Salette trip, exploring the Global Goals of the UN through our missions.*

Your dreams, doings, and financial support will once again take us out of our church building and into the world where we can invite people who are seeking Christ's spirit to join us in our exploration of His bounty.

Oh the relationships of faith we will grow!

I thank you for your continued support of the ministries here at FCC. Your passion and presence make it abundantly clear to the community that the psalmist's words are true:

*For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Let us continue our glad songs. Let us continue entering God's gates with thanksgiving and praise, in Jesus' name.

Peace,

Todd

## Parish Notes

All those interested in community sewing and knitting projects are invited to join **Knit Stitch, Pray** on November 15 from 11:30 to 4:30 at the Federated Church. We will be working on projects for Dress A Girl, prayer shawls, pillow cases for those in the hospital, the homeless and hats for children in local schools. Come along and join us for a fun filled afternoon. Materials will be available or you may bring your own. Bring a bagged lunch. No experience necessary. We look forward to seeing you all there!

For any questions contact Karen Gatchell at 596-4746.

## Thanksgiving Soup

The children and youth of the Sunday School will again come together to make and share Thanksgiving soup on Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. To continue this wonderful tradition we need the following donations. Please drop them off in the church kitchen early on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in Libby Hall.

1 small turkeys – thawed	1 gallon milk
4 large cans chicken broth	3 bunches celery
4 pounds carrots	2 pounds onions
4 pounds frozen corn	2 pounds potatoes
6 loaves Sliced Italian Bread	1 pound butter

(all vegetables should be peeled and parboiled)

This is always a time to remember all that we're thankful for in our Church Family. Soup will be delivered to shut-ins Sunday afternoon. Thanks to all that contribute to this meal. It is so appreciated.

## Riverside Music Concert

Cheryl Fonda, the Music Committee and I would like to thank those who came out on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to attend our first Riverside Music Concert featuring the wonderful BELLA VOCE. Teri LaFleur, Lisa Woods and Jerry Noble set a pretty high standard. We'll have our work cut out for us to find our next offering. Thanks also go out to our ushers, those ladies who baked goodies for after the concert and the ones who helped to prepare Libby Hall for refreshments.

On Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 there will be a piano concert by Quinlan Facey (grandson of Don & Shirley) immediately following our turkey soup lunch. We hope you will all stay to enjoy this amazing musician.

Barbara Bennett

## Christmas Cantata

Anyone interested in singing with the choir for the Christmas Cantata on December 20<sup>th</sup> Please contact Barbara Bennett for more information. All are welcome to join. You don't need to make a long term commitment

## FROM THE DEACONS' BENCH

All of us attend worship for a variety of reasons, I think the multiple reasons are well stated in the following message. Holy and beautiful is the custom which brings us together in the presence of God. We face our ideals, give thanks, make confession, offer forgiveness, become enlightened and strengthened. Through this quiet hour breathes the worship of the ages and the heritage of generations past. Three unseen guests attend, Faith, Hope and Love.

We ask the help of God and His spirit to prepare a place for these guests.

## *Anniversaries*

We send congratulations to the following members who celebrate wedding anniversaries in November:

David & Kathleen Hutchinson	11/04
Anthony & Pamela Rogers	11/14
David & Karen Anable	11/23
Geraldine & John Spear	11/26

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthday Greetings to the following adult members of our church who celebrate birthdays in November:

Heather Sterling	11/01	Lisa Payson	11/11
Jeannette Ingle	11/02	Mildred Davis	11/12
Ronald Donais	11/02	Nathan Varney	11/12
Jessica Donais	11/02	Susanna Gourlay	11/12
Hank Dunwoody	11/04	Cheryl Fonda	11/15
William Haley	11/04	Charlotte Thomas	11/16
Nancy Willoughby	11/05	Carol Quinlivan	11/17
April Gonce	11/05	Alicia Hummel	11/18
Jocelyn Smith	11/07	Diane Fisher	11/20
Kiaran O'Brien	11/07	Bill Cunningham	11/21
Jeremy Tessier	11/09	Todd Kane	11/21
Earl Schofield Jr	11/10	David Spencer	11/23
Edna Fisher	11/11	Lynn Cunningham	11/26
Adina Johnson	11/11	David Hutchison	11/26
Trina Robinson	11/11	James Morini	11/30
Journe Germain	11/11		

## **Blue Christmas**

Sometimes the holidays do not feel very jolly, especially if you are grieving a loss. Blue Christmas offers a safe, quiet alternative to the holiday hooplah. The community is invited to come and reflect on the birth of Jesus in the FCC sanctuary on Monday, December 7 at 7pm. Light refreshments will follow the service. All are welcome.

## CALLING ALL MEN!!!!

After your initial success with your singing 'How Great Thou Art' in August, I have scheduled another number for our Men's Chorus to sing - We Gather Together - on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will have to arrange for a rehearsal between now and then....any chances of us getting together at 6pm on a Thursday night? With our Senior Choir preparing for the Christmas cantata, we really can't spare time during our regular rehearsals. Or perhaps after your Men's breakfast.(if you are not too stuffed to sing)!!! Barbara

### Food Handling Policy set by the Mass Board of Health

It is the Mass Health Department policy, monitored by the Town of Hampden that anyone working in the kitchen or handling food to be given out at any event must wear gloves. If this policy is not adhered to we could lose our certification and be shut down as far as serving the public. Faith, *Food*, and Fun are cornerstones of our ministry here at FCC. If you feel that you cannot follow these guidelines please do not volunteer to handle food or work in the kitchen, so that our 3 F's can continue to serve our community.

On a completely different note: Please do not leave food in the refrigerator after your event. Food is being left for too long and becoming moldy...which is definitely not Fun to discover.

Thank you,

The Kitchen Committee



### Sunday School Birthdays

Eva Mae Becker	11/04
Caleb Becker	11/06
Avery C Paradis	11/14
Anthony Tulloch	11/16
Sean E Lee	11/19
Addison Gardner	11/30

### Interested in Becoming a Member of FCC?

The Deacons will hold an Inquirers Meeting on Sunday November 15 in the Isham Room following worship. Anyone interested in learning about becoming a member of FCC is welcome to attend. New members will be received into fellowship on Sunday, November 22 during worship.

## Video Ministry

The Sunday services being videoed each week and are available on the Wilbraham/Hampden Public Access Channel **191** at 7:00pm Saturday evening. We are now also available in Monson on channel **12 or 15** at 10am and 7pm on Sundays. If you miss that you can watch it on your computer going to video on demand by using <http://tinyurl.com/fedtv1>. Go to playlist on the right, scroll down to the bottom, select Religious and look for Hampden Federated Church.

## Christmas Festival of Lights

On Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> we are planning a bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro for its annual Christmas lighting display. The tradition began more than half a century ago and now includes 800,000 lights over 10 acres of land and attracts thousands of visitors annually, without an admission charge. There are indoor and outdoor chapels, displays of Nativity scenes from around the world and places for contemplation and reflection.

We will meet at the Senior Center for a 3pm departure and will return at 9pm. The cost is \$20 per person which includes the drivers tip. You need to be signed up and paid by November 22<sup>nd</sup> as the bus only holds 47 passengers.

The shrine will offer hot beverages for sale and other refreshments, and the gift shop will be open.



### Veteran's Day Breakfast

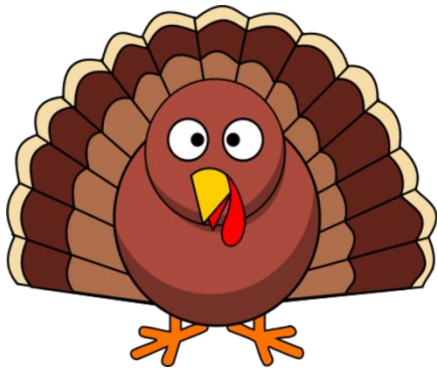
Veterans, active military, and their families are invited to a free breakfast at the Federated Community Church on November 11, 2015. The breakfast will

begin at 7:30am and serve until 9:30am. Please call 566-3711 to make a reservation. Walks ins also welcome.

Menu includes: Egg casserole, French toast casserole, bacon, fruit cup, and beverage.

We are called to honor and respect all of God's people. Our faith teaches us that those who have been cast aside are given a special place at Christ's table.

At FCC we are glad to be able to honor and celebrate the challenging work our military perform on our behalf. We hope you will receive this gift offered in love.



# Turkey Trot Quarter Auction

To benefit The Community Survival Center

## Friday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

**At the Federated Church 590 Main St. Hampden**

Tons have asked "What is a quarter auction?" and "How it works?" Come find out for yourself. Bring a roll or two of quarters and see what the fuse is all about. Quarter Auctions are a fabulous opportunity to win some great prizes from your favorite direct sell companies for just quarters.

Now for **HOW IT WORKS!!**

**Doors open at 6:00 PM**  
**Auctions start at 6:45 PM**



First things first: Show up! Bring some friends along for the fun! The more the merrier.

Being early **PAYS OFF!** Pay an admission fee of \$5.00 which will get you in the door and get you 2 paddles for the auction. **Bring a canned good for the Survival Center for a chance at our special Auctions throughout the night just for those donate.**



Vendors for the Night include:

Usborne Books  
Thirty-One Gifts  
Kozy Kreations  
This and That Gallery Paintings  
Discovery Toys  
Signature Home  
Tastefully Simple  
And more....

Other items will be donated for Auctions to benefit the Survival Center.

Our goal is to sponsor 25 Turkeys for the Survival Center for their Annual holiday meal giving. There is a Turkey shortage this year and we at The Federated Church, want to do our part to help.

If you would like additional information, please contact Kristi Tessier 413-374-8742 or [mysticalamour@gmail.com](mailto:mysticalamour@gmail.com)

## Poinsettias for Christmas

The Flower Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

All poinsettias are \$7.00 each and your order **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **December 6th**.

**It is imperative that orders be received early as there is a shortage of plants this year.**

Please make checks payable to Federated Community Church and leave your order and money at the church office, or mail to Regina Germain, 43 Pinewood Rd, Hampden, MA 01036.

I wish to give my poinsettia with the following message: (to be included in the church bulletin).

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia plant(s).

Please check color desired: Red ( ) White ( )

Plants will be used for decoration on Sunday morning, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

They may be picked up after the morning worship service or, if you prefer, after the morning service on December 27<sup>th</sup>

Plants not picked up will be delivered to shut-ins.

( ) I will pick up my poinsettia. ( ) Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.



### House of The World Canceled, but...

Due to a variety of conflicts in scheduling, *The House of The World* is canceled for this year...however...after consulting with the Board of Deacons, we need your help to produce...

#### ...Drive Through Nativity

Children and adults of all ages are needed to play non speaking parts in the our first *Drive Through Nativity*. The DTN will take place on Saturday, December 5, 6pm-8pm. The public will be invited to drive through our parking lot, onto Riverside Drive, and back onto Main St. after witnessing the characters and events leading up to and including the birth of Jesus. Members of the church are asked to don costumes and create (under the direction of Rev. Farnsworth) scenes that will touch the hearts and souls of our community who come to witness this beautiful display.



If you are interested and available, please sign up by contacting the church office at 566-3711. A brief rehearsal will take place the night before the event at 6:30pm.

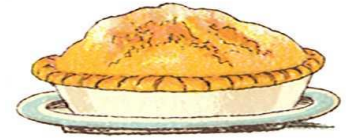
MEAT PIE SUPPER  
AT  
FEDERATED COMMUNITY CHURCH  
590 Main Street  
Hampden, MA

Saturday, November 14, 2015

**6:00 PM**

**Menu**

French Meat Pie  
Vegetables  
Tossed Salad  
Rolls  
Dessert  
Beverages



Adults \$10 – Children under 12 \$5

Please call Church Office

For reservations by November 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 566-3711

STEWARDSHIP  
**MUSINGS ...**

*"Well done, good and faithful servant!"*

*Matthew 25:21*

As this is being written, we have not yet come together for Commitment Sunday, Nov. 1, so we don't yet know what the 2016 pledge tally looks like (except for our own). So why are we rejoicing?

Simple answer: we have walked together over the past year in a new path:

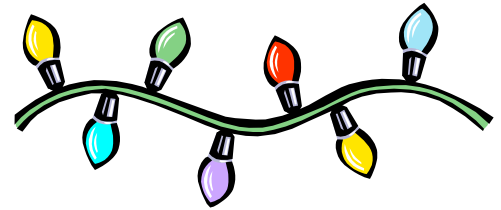
- We have tried a little bit harder to replace fear and anxiety about the future with trust in God's promise to take care of us- individually, and as a congregation.
- We have tried harder to look at our lives as a "stream of blessings", allowing us to live richly in the spirit of gratitude.
- As a result, we have allowed our generous tendencies to flow for our church, and for others.

Having seen the "fruit of the Spirit" growing over the last year, fed by Jesus' living waters, we trust that our congregational pledge offerings will reflect the "harvest" of faith, hope, and love we are now reaping!

So- we can joyfully and confidently thank you for your trust and generosity - for what has gone before, and what is yet to come!

Sharing with you in His blessings, Carol Darnley, Jocelyn Smith, and Linda Hornig

# Craft Fair

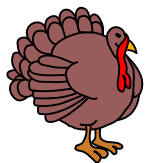


December 5<sup>th</sup> 8-2 pm  
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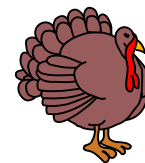
Come join us for a day of fun and shopping!  
Crafters; including handmade items and more  
Bake Sale \* Gift Wrapping


There will be a Pancake Breakfast with Santa  
From 8-10 am  
And there will be Soup available for lunch.

Questions about Booth Space and the Bazaar, Please contact  
Laurie at 364-8322 or Kristi 374-8742  
e-mail: [mysticalamour@gmail.com](mailto:mysticalamour@gmail.com)



# November 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 Worship, Communion Sunday School, Nursery Stewardship Sunday	2  6:30 Bible Study	3 9:30 Bible Study  6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	4  11:30 Prayer Group 6:30 Missions Mtg	5	6	7 10:00 Dress a Girl
8 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	9  6:30 Bible Study	10  6:30 AA Anniversary	11 7:30-9:30 Veterans Breakfast At FCC 11:30 Prayer Group 6:30 CE Mtg.	12  7:00 Choir	13	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Meat Pie Dinner
15 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:30 Knit, Stitch, Pray	16  6:30 Bible Study 7:00 BOD Mtg.	17 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	18  11:30 Prayer Group  6:30 Deacons Mtg..	19  7:00 Choir	20	21
22 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:30 Thanksgiving Soup	23  6:30 Bible Study	24  9:30 Bible Study	25  11:30 Prayer Group	26   <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	27	28 8:00 Men's Breakfast
29 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 1st Sunday in Advent "Hanging of the Greens"	30  6:30 Bible Study					



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<u>Organist/Choir Director</u>	Barbara Bennett
<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	Joyce Ogonowski
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Federated Community Church of Hampden is to unite as one body the followers of Jesus Christ in the worship of God and to make God's will dominant in the lives of all people. This will be done by following our church covenant, and through this mission build a firm foundation that will morally support not only this generation but generations yet to come.

Worship Schedule

Worship: 10 am - Sunday School: 10 am

**Sunday, Apr 7<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 5:27-32  
Revelations 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

**Sunday, Apr 14<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6  
Revelations 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

**Sunday, Apr 21<sup>st</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43  
Revelations 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

**Sunday, Apr 28<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18  
Revelations 21:1-6  
John 13:31-