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From the Pastor's Desk

".....And a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6

Greetings of Grace and Peace,

Neither my husband, Wayne, nor I grew up in households that said grace at meal times. As new parents, we decided that we wanted to teach our children that ritual. However, it was awkward to begin since neither of us had this in our background, nor the confidence to know what to pray. We pondered when to begin: as our son was nursing? In his highchair before he could speak? Our children continued to grow and the ritual still hadn't begun.

My two oldest boys, ages 7 and 9, attended a summer Vacation Bible School at a local church. The first day they came home with an index card which had the words to the 1741 hymn, "Be present at our table, Lord," printed on it. The boys shared that they had been instructed to say the prayer at every meal and by the end of the week they would have it memorized.

I still remember the scurrying of my children looking for the index cards as we sat down for a lunch of grilled cheese sandwiches. They read the prayer that meal and every meal following. By the end of the week, our family had it memorized. That prayer became our table grace for the next few years; whether home or out in public, whether simply family gathered or a table filled with guests. We have grown over the years and our grace changes, but I am still grateful for the gift of prayer that the Vacation Bible School gave to our family.

While the prayer is very old and hardly a children's prayer, it worked. The beauty of God is that the intention of the heart is looked at. We were striving to tell God we were thankful. John Cennick's original words in 1741 were:

*Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and ev'rywhere adored.
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with thee.*

Our version was slightly updated to the Wesleyan Way:

*Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and ev'rywhere adored.
These mercies bless, and grant that we
may feast in fellowship with thee.*

If you do not have a family ritual of grace before meals, I invite you to begin using this one. We will also be singing the grace, "Johnny Appleseed" during our stewardship campaign with the words printed in the worship bulletin each week. As noted previously, God doesn't care what words are used but looks at the sincerity of our hearts. As we head into November, a time to be thankful, let us remember to thank God as the source of all that is good.

In Christ's Light and Love,

Pastor Pat

FCC Prayer:

Lord, bless our church and help us to be faithful witnesses of your love. Amen.

DON'T FORGET:

Daylight savings ends Sunday,
11/4/18. Turn you clocks **back one**
hour Saturday night!



From the Deacons' Bench

What Does Stewardship Mean To You

The first thing we always think of is money. However, Stewardship can take on the meaning in many different forms and is something we do every day in many different ways without giving it a thought. A simple move to open the door for someone as you enter the store or assisting someone carrying something heavy to their car.

I think of the members of the church that on a daily bases are sharing their time and talents in helping their fellow man in times of need. Remember how our church supported the recovery process after the tornado that hit the Town of Monson. How many have helped to build a new house for Habit for Humanity or those of us that traveled south to build a new church in Barnwell, NC after the Baptist Church had been burned to the ground. Some of you have had careers that have provided needed services for others to be able to carry on with their life, so they too could help others.

Stewardship in our church is what we do for each other and those we come in contact with, as we travel throughout our daily lives. It is not necessarily something that we even think about at the time, but it is what God has taught us to do for our fellow man. It is the right thing to do, and in most cases comes naturally.

I think of those that visit the nursing homes and shut-ins and those in the hospital. I always remember how Deacon Emeritus Ralph Miller always expressed his love for all those that entered our church and how he was always there to help those in need. I think of Dalton Philpot in the many ways that he volunteered his time in all aspects of the church and the community.

I know if it were not for Dr. Phil Stoddard asking me what I plan to do after I retire, and he stated that they need drivers at the Shriners Hospital, I most likely would not be a Shriner today. When I entered the facility and saw the wonderful accomplishments that the Dr.'s and Nurses achieve every day and 170+ volunteers that support the hospital, I knew this would be my chance to give back for all that others have given to our family.

To sum things up, Yes, we need financial support in the church and this is the time of the year when we are asking ourselves, "How can I help in this effort?" Think of all the forms of Stewardship that our members have provided and the fact that without the church as the foundation, in many cases we would not be able to answer the challenge of helping others when in need. I hope you will continue to give of your time and talents and support our church in the best possible way.

God Bless you all,
Deacon Frank Watson

Happy Birthday

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

Heather Sterling	11/01	Cheryl Fonda	11/15
Jeannette Ingle	11/02	Charlotte Thomas	11/16
William Haley	11/04	Carol Quinlivan	11/17
Nancy Willoughby	11/05	Dawn McKeone	11/17
April Gonce	11/05	Alicia Hummel	11/18
Jocelyn Smith	11/07	Sean Lee	11/19
Jeremy Tessier	11/09	Jeanne Regnier	11/19
Earl Schofield Jr	11/10	Diane Fisher	11/20
Edna Fisher	11/11	William Cunningham	11/21
Trina Robinson	11/11	Todd Kane	11/21
Journe Germain	11/11	David Spencer	11/23
Lisa Chaffee	11/11	Walter Bliss	11/25
Mildred Davis	11/12	Lynn Cunningham	11/26
Nathan Varney	11/12	David Hutchison	11/26
Susanna Gourlay	11/12	James Morini	11/30

If you would like your birthday added to our newsletter, please contact the office at 413-566-3711 or email us at hampdenfederated@gmail.com.

Anniversary

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

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Poetry Corner

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord.
As a family of faith and love, we give You thanks.
As Your guests at the table of life, we are grateful that You have se a place for us.
As Your children, we strive to follow You in all we do.
As servants to Your will, we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding and mercy.
As Your stewards, we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds and accept our responsibilities in Your service.
As Your heirs, we are humbled by the bounty You have given us, for each beat of our heart and each breath that we draw, is ours only through Your grace.
And, as Your family, we shout Your name and give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks. Amen.

Thank You

Barbara Bennett was our beloved music director for 18 years. She had a way of selecting music that easily fit into each sermon topic. Any mention of a particular piece of music during our church conversations, if Barb was behind a keyboard, the music would just pour out of her. No sheet music required, just her natural talent, her gift from God that she shared with us all.

A very special Thank You to Barbara Bennett for all the years of faithful service she gave to our FCC Family.

Dear FCC Family,

Lynne and I would like to thank everyone for their cards and caring words of condolence for the loss of our nephew Bobby. He was such a strength for my sister, Bette, who lost two husbands to cancer and now she mourns his passing. He will be remembered as a gentle, kind, caring, and intelligent young man whose life was ended far too soon. We loved him and we will miss him very much.

Thank you Church Family,
Bill and Lynne Cunningham

Christian Education

How old is God? This is one of the lessons that the Sunday School children stop and ponder. The Bible says the following about God's age. He has no beginning and no ending, He is eternal, timeless and immortal (Revelation 4:8; 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:16). Therefore, God has no age. The Bible states that God is, "The Alpha and the Omega," "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8).

Who is the oldest person that you know?

Blessings, Kristi & Laurie



Sunday School Birthdays

Eva	Becker	11/04
Caleb	Becker	11/06
Anthony	Tulloch	11/16

If you would like your child's birthday added to our newsletter, please contact the office at 413-566-3711 or email us at hampdenfederated@gmail.com

Announcements

Our New Music Director

Faith Thompson has been selected to lead us as our new organist and music director. She comes to us with both experience and a love for choir and organ music. She has

many wonderful ideas for Special Sundays of music that we will experience over time. Faith is looking forward to working with both the Senior and Junior choirs. She is a faithful, talented and kind person, and will be a nice addition to our church. Please give a warm welcome to our new music director, Faith Thompson.

Celebrating All Saints Sunday

There is a white tablecloth in Libby Hall which will be used on the altar table as we celebrate Holy Communion on **All Saints Sunday, November 4th**. You are invited to write the name of a deceased loved one on the cloth.

Gobblers for God 2018

Please help us bring a Holiday meal to our friends and neighbors in need. You may drop them off at the church, in the Narthex or down stairs in Libby Hall. You can also stop by our collection bucket and drop any extra change you have lying around.



Week 1 (Oct 28th): Stuffing and Gravy

Week 2 (Nov 4th): Canned Vegetables and Bread or Biscuit Mixes

Week 3 (Nov 11th): Desserts (non-perishable)

Week 4 (Nov 18th): Main Course-Gift Certificates /Cash Donations/Turkey

All donations will be given to the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kristi (413-374-8742 or mysticalamour@gmail.com)

Advent Booklet

It is Pastor Pat's hope that the community of FCC will create their own Advent booklet, similar to the Upper Room Daily Devotional to be shared by the entire church during this time. Devotions can be a poem or a short reflection on a time when you were touched by God or saw God working through another person. It can be a time in nature which took your breath away or about someone who made a difference in your life. If you are comfortable finding a supportive scripture and adding a prayer, that is fine. If you only want to submit the short reflection (no more than a half typed page), Pastor Pat will add scripture and a prayer. The booklet becomes our gift to one another. Please submit by **November 11, 2018** (in time for Advent) to:

FCC.PastorPat@gmail.com (preferred method) or leave in church office marked, "Advent Booklet."

Poinsettias for Christmas

The Flower Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Please see the order form enclosed. All poinsettias are \$7.00 each and your order **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **November 30th** to insure you get your preferred color selection.



Prayer Corner



Evie Meacham	Janet Case	Audrey Burger
Peg Stearns	Walter Black Jr.	Gail Banning
Julia Winetrout	Judy Schwabe	Peter Bokulic
Judy Ingle	Jack Bennett	Barbara Bennett
Janet Brehaut	Wendy Chadwick	Winnie Godek
Heather Walker	Family of Robert Fisher	Tim Green
Dennis Connor	Family of Penny Witcher	Liz Taylor
John & Nenita	Family of Robert Johnston	Branden
Christopher		

If you would like to be added to our Prayer Corner, please contact the office at 413-566-3711 or email us at hampdenfederated@gmail.com. Also, please notify us if a name needs to be removed from the list.

Sympathy

Please uphold the following families & friends in our prayers:

- Edna, Andrew, Matthew, Kenneth & Family in the death of Robert N. Fisher on 10/9/18.
- Bill & Lynne Cunningham, Bette Johnston Kilduff (maiden name Cunningham), Brian & Family in the sudden death of Robert Johnston on 10/5/18.
- Allison Buesing & her mother Gail in the death of Charlie, father & husband, respectively.

SERVERS FOR THE MONTH

Ushers

11/4 Don & Shirley Facey
 11/11 Bill Cunningham & Frank Watson
 11/18 Elaine DeGray & Ellie Green
 11/25 Bill & Lynn Cunningham

Deacons

November Bev Burnell
 December Hayden Tibbetts

FCC PRAYER:

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Parish Notes



Blessing of the Animals

A wonderful gathering of people and pets enjoyed a meaningful memorial & blessing of the animals on Saturday, 9/29/18. Thank you to Karen Anable & Bev Burnell for coordinating & advertising. We look forward to growing the service in future years.

Bread Auction

Thank you to all who participated in the Bread Auction on Sunday, 10/7/18. Special thanks to the auctioneer, Kristi Tessier & her helper, Miyani. We're very grateful for the \$256.00 raised which will be divided equally between UMC World Communion & FCC Missions. It was a great day of fellowship while raising money for worthy causes.

Feedback

We would love to hear from you! If you have any comments, compliments or if you just want to say hello, please fill out a form in the Narthex and put in the blue Blessings Box on the wall by the entryway. Deacons review all feedback during monthly meetings. Thank you so much! We appreciate your input!

Prayer Box

If you have any prayer requests, you can write them on a note card and put them in the Prayer Box in the Prayer Room across from the Christian Ed office. Prayers are lifted up weekly during Spirit Chat.

FCC Office Hours

--Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Pastoral Hours

--Monday 10:00am-12:00pm
 --Tuesday & Wednesday 12:00pm-1:30pm
 --By appointment (413) 566-3711

Please feel free to stop by the office with a question, comment, or other need..

Pastor Pat

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Important Dates:



11/3/18-Sat—Women's Fellowship

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m

Drop in for light refreshments, catch up with friends and help plan activities for this coming year. Hope to see you there!

11/4/18-Sun @ 11:30. Soup Share followed by FCC History Sharing

Reviewing significant people, missions, events: church, community and world events through the eyes and hearts of the congregation will allow Pastor Pat to know our history. We will review the churches strengths, challenges, and share God's dream for our church. You are important to our community! Please join us!



11/6/18-Tues Election Day

Please remember to vote. So many people gave their lives in order that we may have the privilege of having a voice in our government.



11/11/18-Sun Veterans Day Breakfast

(7:30am-9:45am)



The Missions Committee welcomes veterans & their families to join us for breakfast. An optional service honoring our military follows at 10:00am/

11/7/18-Wed 5-Week Bible/Book Study— The Journey –Walking the Road to Bethlehem

by Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays, Nov 7 to Dec 12
(no class Nov 21st)



The book study will be video format as it was with our last study on the Book of Acts. Purchasing the book is optional because the video covers the material in

the book. Hope to see you there.

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11/18/18-Sun-Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Pledge cards accompanied with a letter from Pastor Pat will be mailed prior to 11/18/18.

11/18/18-Sun 11:30-Turkey Soup Sunday

Thanksgiving Soup

The children and youth of the Sunday School will again come together to make and share Thanksgiving soup. To continue this wonderful tradition we need the following donations. Please drop them off in the church kitchen early on Saturday, November 17th.



2 small turkeys – thawed	1 gallon milk
4 large cans chicken broth	3 bunches celery
4 pounds carrots	2 pounds onions (raw)
4 pounds frozen corn	2 pounds potatoes
6 loaves <u>Sliced</u> 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.

Food donation sign-up sheets are in Libby Hall
or call Joyce Libby at 566-8860.

11/18/18-Sun 3:00 pm-Music Series Concert

**The Music Committee of the Federated
Community Church Riverside Music Series
Presents
BELLA VOCE**



Featuring Teri LaFleur (soprano) & Lisa Woods (mezzo-soprano) with notable Jerry Noble on piano.

3:00 PM Sunday, November 18, 2018

"Broadway Tunes & Holiday Music"

The program will please everyone as they will be singing a selection of Broadway tunes as well as bringing us into the Holidays by singing some Christmas music. Light refreshments served following the concert. Please plan to attend this wonderful afternoon of music and bring a friend or two. A free will offering will be accepted.

Upcoming Important Dates--Mark Your Calendar

Annual Holiday Bazaar

Date: December 1, 2018 (Saturday)

Time: 8:00am to 2:00pm

Contact: Kristi-

phone: (413) 374-8742

email: fairsatfcc@gmail.com



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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).

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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

Please check color desired: Red () White () Pink ()

Plants will be used for decoration on Sunday morning (12/23). They may be picked up after the morning worship service. Plants can be picked up after Christmas Eve. Service (12/24) or those left will then be delivered to shut-ins.

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



Annual Holiday Bazaar

Dec 1st 8am-2pm

Federated Church 590 Main St. Hampden

Breakfast with Santa 8-10am

Lunch 11am – 2pm

Raffle & Bake Sale

LOTS OF CRAFTERS & VENDORS

Beaded Jewelry,

Kozy Kreations Boutique,

**Bags & Purses, Scarves, Knitted Hats, Thirty-one, Painted Stone,
Tupperware, Essential Oils, Hand-Made Cards, Wood Creations,
and so much more.**



***For more information Please contact
Kristi 413-374-8742 or FairsatFCC@gmail.com***



NOVEMBER 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00-Missions	2	3 10:00-Women's Fellowship
4 All Saint's Day <u>Daylight Savings Time</u> Ends @ 2:00am 10:00-Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:30-Soup & FCC History Share	5	6 Election Day 9:30-Spirit Chat  6:30-AA Anniv. Dinner 7:30-AA Meeting	7 10:00-Fellowship 10:30-12:00 Bible Study 6:00-Fellowship 6:30-8:00 Bible Study	8 5:00-6:30-Girl Scouts	9	10 8:00-Men's Breakfast 10:00-Dress A Girl
11 <u>Veteran's Day</u>  8:00-Veteran's Day Breakfast 10:00-Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	12	13 9:30 Spirit Chat 6:30 AA 7:00-BOD 7:30 AA Step	14 10:00-Fellowship 10:30-12:00 Bible Study 6:00-Fellowship 6:30-8:00 Bible Study .	15	16	17 2:00 Private Memorial Service & Reception- (Isham Room)
18 <u>Stewardship Commitment Sunday</u> 10:00-Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:30-Turkey Soup Sunday 3:00-Concert Series—Bella Voce 	19 6:30-Deacons	20 9:30-Spirit Chat 6:30-AA 7:00-BOD 7:30-AA Step	21 10:00-Fellowship 10:30-12:00 Bible Study 6:00-Fellowship 6:30-8:00 Bible Study	22  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	23	24 8:00-Men's Breakfast
25 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	26	27 9:30-Spirit Chat 6:30-AA 7:30-AA Step	28 10:00-Fellowship 10:30-12:00 Bible Study 6:00-Fellowship 6:30-8:00 Bible Study	29	30	

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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, Nov 4th 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Sunday, Nov 11th 25th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, Nov 18th 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Samuel: 1:4-20
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, Nov 25th Reign of Christ

Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:1-7
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37