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From the Pastor's Desk

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:16-17

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

November is upon us already. It is a wonderful month: a time that calls us to stop, reflect, and be thankful for all; even the challenges which often turn out to be opportunities of growth in wisdom and understanding. In the church calendar, November normally coincides with our Stewardship Campaign, which calls us to speculate on our blessings and respond with our commitment to return a portion of our blessings to God so that the church may continue to its mission to glorify God on earth. This

year will be no different. Our Stewardship Campaign, which will begin November 3rd, will focus on how we deal with our money in light of the characters of “*It’s a Wonderful Life*.” The Finance Committee will host two movie viewings:

Wednesday, November 6th at 10:30 AM Libby Hall

Friday, November 8th at 6:00 PM Libby Hall

I hope this will offer us a new and fun way of thinking about how we focus on our money. It is often easier to see our own behavior in others before we can claim it in ourselves. Please join us for one of the viewings. If you cannot make either of these times, but are still interested in seeing the movie, please let me know. If there are enough folks that can make another agreed upon time, I will do my best to honor your requests.

This month will also host Women's retreats to kick off our journey in the book, *Simple Faith* by Margaret Silf.. It is an easy to read book that is packed with wisdom and insights to aid us along our spiritual journey. We will read the chapters together and have activities to help us in our reflection on the information. Through the year, we will gather to do additional chapters and conclude with retreats in the Spring. I am hoping all woman will participate to build community and deepen our faith.

Many wonderful things are happening at our church. We have much to be thankful for. I am grateful to be your Pastor and look forward to journeying together in glorifying God through our missions and daily lives.

With a Grateful Heart,

Pastor Pat



From the Deacons' Bench

Happiness is a day bright with Sunshine, warm with Love. During this fall I hope you all take in the beauty that the Good Lord has provided us, with the help of Mother Nature. It is the time of year that we can reflect on the joys of summer and prepare for the winter ahead. As our church year becomes busier and busier while looking forward to the Holidays, I hope you will share in the love we have for one another and join in on the events that many are working hard to bring about.

Over the years I have always felt the love the people of our church have for one another. I encourage you to take part in our Sunday Services as well as the events and activities that are being planned. We need all of us, young and old to work together to share the good news and the love of God.

Let us join together and help spread God's word around the world.

Frank Watson, Deacon

Servers for the Month

Deacons

November Beverly Burnell

December Hayden Tibbetts

Ushers

11/3 Jack & Regina Germain

11/10 Elaine DeGray & Ellie Green

11/17 Bill & Lynn Cunningham

11/27 Joyce Ogonowski & Mary Howell



November Birthdays

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

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

Sunday School Birthdays



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

Anniversaries

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



Welcome to our newest members in the family of Christ:

Benjamin Alexander Blain, son of Joshua Blain & Sarah Schoolcraft Blain and grandson of Laurie & Allen Schoolcraft and great-grandson of Evelyn & Bob Schoolcraft.

Meara Adelaide Doyle, daughter of Matthew Doyle & Rebecca Ray Doyle and granddaughter of Debra Doyle & Dr. David Doyle.

Benjamin & Meara were baptized on October 20, 2019.

Sympathy Extended To



Please hold the family of Judith Jones in prayer. Judith died on October 19th. A graveside service was held on October 25th at Prospect Cemetery. Cards of sympathy can be sent to husband, Albert & sons, Steve & Jeff, at the family home: 310 Chapin Road, Hampden, MA.

A graveside Memorial service will be held for Dorothy Dickinson on Tuesday, October 29th at 11:00 am at Prospect Cemetery on Scantic Road.

If you have an announcement to share of a birth, death or long time anniversary, please contact the office.



Prayer Corner



Evie Meacham

Peg Stearns

Julia Winetrout

Judy Ingle

Audrey Burger

Barbara Bennett

Maggie Waugh

Sarah

Kayla

Winn

Pat Safford

Joyce Libby

Walter Black Jr.

Gail Banning

Ethel

Christopher

Carol Darnley

Gwen Wills

Families of Judith Schwabe
& Judith Jones

Lelum

Winnie

Bill Cunningham

Christian Education

We have had a busy start this fall. The Sunday School started off the year learning about Animals in the Bible. October 4th was World Animal Day. God wants us to take care of all animals. We talked about how important animals are and how we should be friends to all God's creatures big and small.



The children were able to witness two beautiful baptisms this past month. Upon this we talked about Baptisms and Jesus' own by John the Baptist. The children learned the different symbols that are used. A fun fact included that sometimes Honey is used for ointment instead of Holy Water. Honey was available from the wild honeybees.

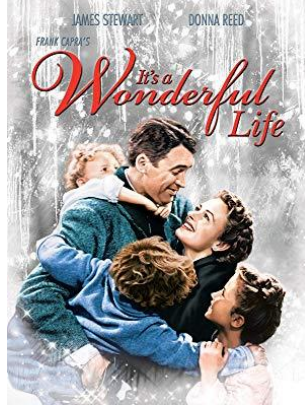
Starting Nov 3rd, we will begin practicing for our Christmas program. Please be mindful and have children attend every Sunday if possible. The holidays will be here before you know it.

Our Annual Turkey Soup will be Nov 24th. The children will cut all the vegetables and prepare the soup with the help of Mrs. Libby and friends. This is an annual tradition for the Sunday school, we hope that you can join us and celebrate the holiday together as a church family.

Blessings,

Kristi & Laurie

Stewardship Campaign Begins



Movie Viewing *Hosted by Finance Committee*

The Finance Committee will be hosting a viewing of the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” on Wednesday, November 6th at 10:30 am and Friday, November 8th at 6:00 pm in Libby Hall. Come and analyze the characters and how they deal with money issues in their lives, and see if you relate to one of the characters.

Final Small Group Meeting

Luncheon Meeting Sunday, November 10th
Libby Hall

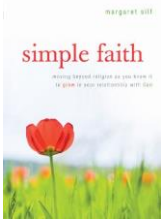
Invitations to our final small group meeting for 2019 went out in the mail this week. Please respond yes or no to the church office at 566-3711. If you have **been unable to attend** a previously scheduled meeting and want to join us, contact Kristen in the church office to have your name added to the list. **Please come and be part of our church community!**

Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 2nd, 9:00 am at Janet Libby's Home
or

Wednesday, November 6th, 5:00 pm at Church

It is Pastor Pat's hope that **every** woman in the church will participate in this study. It is her hope that the study will strengthen the connection among the women and deepen our spiritual journey. Please sign up for one of these sessions. The sign -up sheets are available on the table in Libby Hall. A \$15.00 charge covers the book, *Simple Faith*, by Margaret Silf and food. No cooking – just bring yourselves! If you are interested but unable to attend the scheduled sessions, please speak with Pastor Pat.



Inquiring Souls Want to Know



Do you have questions about The Federated Community Church? What do we believe? How to become a member? What missions we are involved in? Where you can serve within our community? Others? If so, please join us in the Prayer Room on November 17th, following worship. A few members will share what the church means to them, why they joined and/or continue to be members, and answer questions you may have. The pastor will share about the sacraments. Grab a cup of coffee or a snack and join us for some conversation.

Advent Booklet Devotions

It is Pastor Pat's hope that the community of FCC will create their second annual Advent Booklet, similar to the



Upper Room Daily Devotional, to be shared by the entire church during this time. The reflections can take many forms. They can be a poem or be short reflections 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 15, 2019 (in time for Advent) to FCC.PastorPat@gmail.com (preferred method) or leave in the church office marked "Advent Booklet".

Annual Turkey Soup Luncheon

Sunday, November 24th we will serve our Annual Turkey Soup Luncheon after Worship! All are welcome - free of charge. The Sunday School children will help to cut and chop a variety of parboiled vegetables to add to the homemade turkey broth and roasted turkey made on Saturday by Joyce Libby, Lynn and Bill Cunningham and Hayden Tibbetts.

Please sign-up in Libby Hall so you too can be a part of this delicious tradition. Please note on the sign-up sheet which date your items are needed. The first few items are needed by 9:00 on Saturday morning to make the broth. The rest of the items can be brought to the church on Sunday.

Hope to see you – A long time tradition!! Joyce Libby

French Meat Pie Dinner



Meal includes salad, potatoes, vegetable, dessert & coffee.

Saturday, November 16th

6:00 pm

Adults - \$12.00

Children under 12- \$6.00

All Proceeds go to Disaster Relief causes, specifically relief from damage from hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.



Please sign up by November 15th on sheet in Libby Hall.

Thank You

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Thank you for all donations and for supporting the Women’s Shelter.
Janet Modlish & Mission Committee



A big THANK YOU to all who contributed or gave their time to fill the “Welcome... because we care” boxes for the women and children entering domestic violence shelters.



Domestic violence is a serious crime including both physical and emotional abuse. Many victims suffer in silence afraid to seek help not knowing where to turn.

It was my dream to fill these decorative boxes with comforting items and words of faith and hope to help these women and children who have finally had the strength and courage to leave their abusive relationships . Knowing that someone cares would hopefully give them the faith to sustain a new day.

We will be delivering these 20 boxes to Springfield Ymca, Christina’s house, and Campaneras in Holyoke which houses approximately 75 women and 125 children per year.

No one deserves to be hit beaten or abused.

24 hour hotline 536-1628

Coming Events

Connecticut / Western MA United Methodist District

Save the date:

JFON “Justice for Our Neighbors”

Saturday, November 2nd

Speaker – John Haney

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lenox UMC, 6 Holmes Rd., Lenox, MA

Vital Conversations:

Racism & the US Church Training

Saturday, November 16th

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Trinity, UMC, Springfield, MA

United Methodist Annual Church Conference

Monday, November 18th


@ Federated Community Church

Hampden, MA

District Supervisor, David Calhoun will meet with
Deacons and BOD at 6:00 pm followed by an open
meeting at 7:00 pm

More info at :<https://www.macucc.org/eventdetail/super-saturday-october-2019-12749786>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 - 3:00 Women's Retreat (at Janet Libby's)
3 8:00 am Silent Worship 10:00am Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	4 9:30am Spirit Chat 6:30 7:30 pm AA	5 9:30am Spirit Chat 6:30 7:30 pm AA	6 10:30 am Movie 5:00 pm Women's Retreat (at FCC)	7	8	9 8:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Women's Fellowship 6:00 pm Movie
10 8:00 am Silent Worship 10:00 am Worship, Sunday School, Nursery Small Group Meeting 2:00 pm Knit, Stitch, Pray	11 Veteran's Breakfast	12 9:30am Spirit Chat 6:30 7:30 pm AA 7:00 BOD Meeting	13 10:30 am Bible Study 12:30 Lunch & Afternoon Worship 7:00 pm Finance Committee	14 6:00 Girl Scouts	15	16 10:00 am Dress A Girl 6:00 pm French Meat Pie Dinner
17 8:00 am Silent Worship 10:00am Worship, Sunday School, Nursery followed by Inquiring Souls Meeting (in Prayer Room)	18 UMC Conference @ FCC 6:00 pm	19 9:30am Spirit Chat 6:30 7:30 pm AA	20 10:30 am Bible Study	21	22	23 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
24 10:00 am Worship, Sunday School, Nursery Soup/Sunday	25	26 9:30am Spirit Chat 6:30 7:30 pm AA	27	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29	30

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