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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

November: The End of the Liturgical Year

As we approach the end of 2024, it's hard to believe that just two months remain. Our calendar is filled with significant events that not only bring our community together but also align with the rhythms of the Christian calendar, offering moments for fellowship, gratitude, and reflection.

This month promises to be busy and meaningful, beginning with our All Saints Day service on November 3rd. This sacred gathering will remind us of all those who have entered heaven over the past year. As we honor their memories, we celebrate the gift of eternal life and the fellowship we share in faith. This service is a poignant reminder of our connectedness in the Body of Christ, transcending both time and space.

Following All Saints Day, we will come together for our cherished Thanksgiving soup luncheon. This gathering not only nourishes our bodies but also embodies the spirit of community and sharing. As we gather over tables filled with delicious soup and bread, we will also engage in making Chrismon ornaments, preparing our hearts and our space for the Advent season. This beautiful tradition allows us to reflect on the significance of Christ's birth while fostering creativity and togetherness.

According to the Church calendar, November marks the end of the liturgical year. The liturgical calendar starts with Advent. It goes through Jesus' birth, passion, crucifixion, and resurrection. The church is established by the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), and the calendar ends with the reign of Jesus (Christ the King Sunday 11/24/24). Therefore, November is a time when we reflect on the year gone by and give thanks for the spiritual harvest. While our secular calendars might indicate a different focus, we recognize this season as an opportunity to contemplate the richness of God's grace in our lives.

Thanksgiving, in this context, becomes more than just a holiday; it is a celebration of God's Kingdom on earth. As we express our gratitude, we acknowledge the reign of Jesus in our hearts and communities. This season calls us to live out our faith by embodying values of generosity, service, and love, creating a vibrant witness to the world around us.

As we celebrate these final months of 2024, let's embrace the spirit of gratitude and community. Each event—from the All Saints Day service to the Thanksgiving soup luncheon and Chrismon-making—provides an opportunity to reflect on our blessings and celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives.

As we navigate this busy season, let us remember the essence of the Christian calendar: a journey of faith marked by gratitude for the Reign of Jesus and a commitment to live out the values of the Kingdom. Let's close out the year with hearts full of thanks and hope for what lies ahead in our spiritual journey.

Pastor Kwan Kim

## *From the Deacons' Bench*

Ah November, what a wonderful time of year. Without a doubt, it is my favorite time of year. Growing up, it was a month filled with family birthday celebrations and of course the Thanksgiving holiday. Plenty to celebrate and plenty to be thankful for. November has always been a favorite time as the family came together multiple times to celebrate as a family and enjoy these special days.

To this day I still enjoy November and all its celebrations and joyful anticipation of the upcoming holidays. Even raking the leaves allows me to be outside enjoying the last days of what I consider cool, comfortable weather.

It has been a year that has shown me how wonderful it is to be part of such a caring and loving church. As we all have our Joys and Concerns throughout the year, it is ever so comforting to see so many Christian brothers and sisters coming together each week to support each other through another week.

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” written by Peter Scholtes, one of my favorite hymns, expresses what I feel inside the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

As the refrain goes “They’ll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

What a great hymn to celebrate **John 13:35**, “**by this everyone  
will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**”

I thank all of you for all your kindness and concerns toward one  
another and celebrate every one of you. God Bless.

Bill Cunningham, Deacon



*Thank You*

Thank you to **Jim & Beverly Brant** for sponsoring our  
November newsletter!



## November Birthdays



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

Heather Sterling	11/01	Dawn McKeone	11/17
Eva Becker	11/04	Alicia Hummel	11/18
William Haley	11/04	Beverly Barrett	11/18
Nancy Willoughby	11/05	Sean Lee	11/19
April Gonce	11/05	Jeanne Regnier	11/19
Rodney Nelson	11/05	Diane Fisher	11/20
Caleb Becker	11/06	William Cunningham	11/21
Jeremy Tessier	11/09	Todd Kane	11/21
Earl Schofield Jr	11/10	Meredith Sullivan	11/22
Journe Germain	11/11	David Spencer	11/23
Lisa Chaffee	11/11	Walter Bliss	11/25
Nathan Varney	11/12	Lynn Cunningham	11/26
Cheryl Fonda	11/15	David Hutchison	11/26
Anthony Tulloch	11/16	James Morini	11/30
Carol Quinlivan	11/17		

*Congratulations*

## Wedding Anniversaries

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



## *Prayer Corner*



Sally Badillo  
Charlotte Rounds  
Dawn McKeone  
Joyce Brooks  
Karen Paton  
Beverly Barrett & family  
Phyllis  
Lois Pixley  
Laurie Schoolcraft  
Ann Beroth  
Linda Hornig & family  
Chris Butler  
Dennis Connor  
Rory  
Tyler

For World Peace

For victims & families of mass shootings

For people impacted by the typhoon in the Philippines

For the people of Palestine & Israel

For those affected by hurricanes

For the people of Ukraine

For those traveling

For those affected by floods and fires

For those battling cancer

For those struggling with addiction or mental illness

For those that grieve the loss of loved ones

For first responders & health care workers

For the people Afghanistan, Iran, Haiti, Russia & Middle East

For the changing climate

For our country

For all world leaders

For shut-ins and those who are isolated

For the homeless

For Asian & Black people & all who are persecuted for simply  
being how God created them

# *Christian Education / Children's Ministry*

Dear Church Family,

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to reflect on the themes of gratitude and growth that this month brings. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it's a perfect time to appreciate the blessings in our lives and to foster a spirit of thankfulness in our hearts.

We are very grateful for the children in our Sunday School. Their ages range from 2 years old to 13 years old. Their profound faith, support and kindness toward each other are very inspiring and joyful to be around. We are working on our Prayer Wall, and we will start to write thank-you letters to the military. It is a very difficult time for them to be away from their families. We want to show our gratitude for their service in fighting for our country's freedom and safety.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

1. Thanksgiving Soup Gathering: Join us on Sunday, November 24th after service for a special Thanksgiving Soup Gathering. This has been a tradition started by our beloved Joyce Libby.

2. Advent Preparation: As we approach the Advent season, we will be starting a new series in our Sunday School classes focusing on the anticipation of Christ's birth. We encourage families to participate together in this series to deepen your understanding and excitement for the season.

3. Volunteer Opportunities: We are looking for volunteers for our upcoming Christmas event. If you have a passion for teaching, crafts, or hospitality, we'd love to have you on board! Please reach out to me if you're interested.

## Faith at Home

This month, let's focus on integrating our faith into our daily lives. Please consider starting a gratitude journal as a family, where everyone can write down things they are thankful for each day. You



can also set aside time for prayer, thanking God for His many blessings.

As always, I thank Pastor Kwan, the Christian Education Committee and each of you for your continued support and participation in our Christian Education programs. I'm excited to see how we can grow together in faith and community this month.

With much gratitude and many blessings,

Jocelyn Smith

Christian Education Coordinator



## *Prayer Shawls*

I am looking for people who love to knit or crochet. When someone is ill and recovering or has had a loss or just needs cheering up, we can give them a soft prayer shawl which has been prayed over and can bring them comfort. There is some yarn at the church and also a pattern, which you can follow or choose a pattern of your choice. If you are interested in this wonderful ministry, please contact Elsie Bradway or call the church office at 413-566-3711.



Thank you and God bless you, Elsie Bradway

## *Men's Mystery Breakfast*

Welcome to our Men's Mystery Breakfast! We gather every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 8 AM for a unique culinary adventure that's sure to spark your curiosity. Each breakfast features a surprise menu, offering a delightful mix of flavors and dishes you might not expect.

But it's not just about the food—this is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow men in our community, share stories, and enjoy great conversation in a friendly atmosphere. Whether you're a regular or a first-timer, you'll find a welcoming space where you can relax and enjoy the company of others.

So, come join us for a morning filled with delicious mystery and meaningful fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Stewardship

Dear Church Family,

As we enter this season of gratitude and reflection, we are excited to launch our annual Stewardship Drive, running from October 28, 2024 to November 24, 2024. This is a time for us to come together as a community, celebrate our blessings, and consider how we can contribute to the mission and ministry of our church.

Stewardship is not just about finances; it encompasses our time, talents, and resources. Every act of service, every moment spent in fellowship, and every gift we give helps to strengthen our church and extend our reach into the community.

Your generosity has always been the backbone of our community, allowing us to grow in faith and love. We hope this stewardship drive will inspire each of you to reflect on your own gifts and how they can be used to further our mission.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our church. Together, we can accomplish great things! Please join us on Commitment Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> for our traditional Turkey Soup to celebrate the completion of this year's drive.

With gratitude,  
Your Stewardship Committee, Janet Libby, Linda Hornig and  
Jocelyn Smith



# *November Missions*

The November Missions project is to continue to bring awareness to domestic violence.

## *The Clothesline Project*



Your donations of five dollars for a purple ribbon to be worn during the month or checks made out to FCC will help the local Carol Rivest Memorial foundation. They bring awareness to domestic violence, raise funds to provide education and to promote happy and healthy relationships.



Thank you so much for your support.

Janet Modlish

# WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW)!!!

## YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WOW GATHERING

**BRING A FRIEND & COME MEET NEW FRIENDS**

Help create a vibrant and supportive community  
for women to grow in **FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, & FUN!**

Light Refreshments Served

**Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Place: Federated Community Church  
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**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**For such a time as this! (Esther 4:4)**

For more information, please call **413-566-3711**.

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## November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 AM Choir 9:30 Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Bible Study	4	5 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM AA	6 10:30 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Knit, Stitch, Pray 3:00 PM Prayer Gathering	7	8 7:30 PM AA	9 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
10 9:00 AM Choir 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Bible Study	11	12 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Finance	13 10:30 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Knit, Stitch, Pray 3:00 PM Prayer Gathering	14	15 7:30 PM AA	16 10:00 AM WOW (Women of Worship)
17 9:00 AM Choir 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship Bible Study 12:00 PM Bible Study	18 4:30 PM CE Meeting	19 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM AA	20 10:30 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Knit, Stitch, Pray 3:00 PM Prayer Gathering	21 5:00 PM Deacons	22 7:30 PM AA	23 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
24 9:00 AM Choir 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting 10:00 AM Worship Thanksgiving Soup Luncheon	25	26 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM AA 7:00 PM BOD	27 10:30 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Knit, Stitch, Pray 3:00 PM Prayer Gathering	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	29 7:30 PM AA	30 

# *Poinsettias for Christmas*

The Flower Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas.

All poinsettias are \$9.00 each and your order **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

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).

( ) I will pick up my poinsettia.

( ) Please give my poinsettia to a shut in





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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR




**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM -10:30 AM**

**A variety of items made by local crafters!**

**Lunch available for purchase!**



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