

THE UNION COURIER

Union Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
The Reverend Gail L. Miller, Pastor

220 Main Street
Groton, Massachusetts 01450



November 2015



Last Sunday (October 25) you returned the contents of your Generosity Boxes. These are but a fraction of your generous offerings!

Generosity Received

- My family made dinner for me while I was out!
- Two different friends gave me discount coupons they knew I would use.
- After having house guests, my mother-in-law offered and washed all of the sheets and towels they used.
- Coach went out of his way to tell me I had a good game.
- My mother stopped by unexpectedly and brought me coffee and munchkins, because I wasn't feeling well.
- My mom cooked me my favorite meals while I was home (from college)!
- An elderly gentleman grocery bagger stepped away from his job and gave me a hug! I always speak to him, even if not in his lane...don't even know his name!
- Thankful for God's provision in all ways and all situations.
- My mother-in-law loves to iron for us. It's a big help.
- My co-worker put air in my tires because they were low.

Generosity Given

Tangible Things

- Went through jackets and clothing to give to homeless families/people.
- Sent a tip to my newspaper deliverer.
- Gave away things I loved to people in need.
- We sorted clothing to donate to a Veterans Home and the homeless.
- I bought a friend a coffee.
- We made a donation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- Took a friend of 80 years out for lunch in honor of her birthday.

Heart and Spirit Offerings

- Added those I don't count as friends to my prayers.
- Had conversation with someone whose husband recently received a cancer diagnosis.
- Prayers from my heart for my beloved daughter-in-law.
- I let other cars go before me in traffic.
- Called people out of the blue from a long time ago to say hello, I miss and love you.
- I told a friend who is struggling with some things that I would pray for him.
- Gave compliments to everyone.

Time and Energy Offerings

- I drove an older couple in the golf cart to help them find their car.
- Helped a friend move furniture.
- Got up before sunrise on a Saturday to do personal things so it would not affect my family obligations during the day.
- Removed a tree from my neighbor's yard that had fallen.
- I signed up to teach Sunday School.
- I helped someone clean up in the market when a bunch of stuff fell off the shelf.
- Let my neighbor use my utility trailer for the weekend.
- I bought some treats to take to a friend who set aside some time to meet with me to discuss my committee's work (at church).
- Rebuilt the Parish House toilet.
- Volunteered at the Pharmacy at the local hospital.
- Worked on making a prayer shawl.
- I spent most of my day off doing things around the house that needed to get done.
- Did shopping errands for a friend.
- I offered to stay late at work to finish something for my co-worker who had to leave early.
- Visited a friend in recovery rehab.
- We fed our friend's cats so they could go away and not pay a cat sitter.
- I took time to play games with my children.

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From the Children

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Dad helps me with my homework. • I'm giving some stuffed animals to good will. • Helped the homeless in Cambridge. • Being kind to someone that wasn't always kind to me. • I helped my sister with her math homework. • My mom lets me snuggle when I'm scared at night. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I carried my friend's school bag for her. • I helped my brother do his Legos and I helped him clean his room. • I helped my mom sort our downstairs floor and found stuff to get rid of. • I helped at school: I swept the floor and washed the tables. • I helped my mom by trying on clothes. I helped my mom by sorting my toys. • My sister kisses me goodnight. |
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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

Gail

**Pledge Sunday is
November 15th**



The Joy of a Generous Heart Sharing Christ – Changing Lives

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:11)

Hopefully, filling our generosity boxes has increased your awareness of all the wonderful acts of kindness, sharing, giving, and generosity that we experience every day. The generosity box activity may be over but we can continue to appreciate the joyful and generous lives God has provided for us. As faithful stewards, we are grateful for everything that God has bestowed upon us and are excited to give back to Him.

The Ministry Plan for 2016, available in the pews and on our website, highlights many of the ministries our church has been able to provide through our past giving. We are blessed to have so many opportunities to experience God's grace and love and grow closer to God. Why stop here? Isn't it exciting to think about what our church could do if we had more money? The Ministry Plan also describes future ministries our church would like to establish and support. It is through more music, more Christian education classes, increased support to local and global charities, etc., that our church can move people along their faith journey.

The preliminary budget for 2016 (which will be available at church on November 8) details a need for an additional \$75,000 in income. In the life of the church there are ebbs and flows in the congregation and for a number of years we have had little attrition. However, in the last two years we have had a number of families relocate, as well as a few one-time "above and beyond" gifts. The combined total of these move-aways and one-time gifts is \$32,000. We have also asked committees to develop budgets for 2016 which include Christ centered growth. The committees have asked for a combined increase of \$43,000. (Again, check out the 2016 Ministry Plan in the Sanctuary to learn more about this.) Collectively, we believe that we have the resources to do this!

Please be on the lookout for the annual stewardship letter. Over the past six months the Stewardship Team has attended a conference, had many discussions, and prayed for guidance in preparation of this year's stewardship message. We ask that you find a quiet time to sit and thoughtfully read the letter. Please take time to remember all the blessings God has provided. Do you feel the generosity in your heart and can you find joy in giving back to Him?

Pledge Sunday is November 15. More money equals more ministry. And it is through more ministry that we move closer to Christ, share Christ with more people, and change more lives.

The 2015 Stewardship Team

—Bob Goudey
—Halsey Platt

—Liz McQuillin
—Craig Smith

—Gail Miller



Our Church Family



Our Ongoing Prayer List: (These names are prayed out loud at Open Sanctuary Time each

Linda Barrett
Jimmy Breault
Kristen Collins
Becky Cross
Rob Daigle & Jenny Serratore

Russ Dalrymple
Harold Gould
Alex Haas
Carol Hess
Jonathan Greenleaf
Xavier Johnson

Sean Koller
Doris Lewis
Holly Norton
Karen Sands
Rudi Schmid
Dawn Seward

Priscilla Simmons
Alan Smith
Opal Smith
Annik Spencer
Joe Swales
Liz Waggoner

Wednesday.) **This list has been refreshed (and will be refreshed twice a year).** Feel free to contact Gail Miller or Carol Zaiatz (978-448-2091 or unioncc@uccgroton.org) to add a name to this list.



PRAYERS of the CHURCH

- Bill and Martha Dean, who recently moved to Virginia (see address change below)
- Jack Cornforth, a friend of Janet Kennedy's, recovering from cancer surgery.
- The Conover Family, in the recent loss of their son/brother, David, to suicide.
- Peg Lloyd, recovering from recent knee surgery.
- Edie Tompkins, recovering from a recent hospitalization.

Confidential Prayer Chain

Need prayer and need it now? Share your concern with the Confidential Prayer Chain. Simply email prayer@uccgroton.org and your request will go to the confidential pray-ers; or call Lori McElroy (

) and she will put your prayer request in motion for you. Prayer requests are held in confidence among those who are praying for you, and you may request that your name be withheld. Want to be a pray-er? Use the same email to let us know and you'll be added to the list. (This email is a private address seen only by the administrators of the prayer chain.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Bill and Martha Dean

4000 Owl Creek
Williamsburg, VA 23188-1897

Dena and Ken Hance

103 Sagewood Drive
Malvern, PA 19355



October Baptism

Congratulations to the Howard Family on the **Baptism of Grant Lincoln Howard** on Sunday, October 25!



Recent Birth

Congratulations to The Biocchi Family, celebrating the birth of **Eliana Elizabeth** to Dom and Emily Biocchi.

November Birthdays

Lisa Hitsos	11/02	Halsey Platt	11/10	Michael Gambuzza	11/20
Makayla Hughes	11/02	Emma Chase	11/11	Bryce June	11/21
Caroline Caiozzo	11/03	Jacqueline Gervais	11/11	Robert Rosenfeld	11/22
Julia Chase	11/05	Erica Davenport	11/12	Sally Waite	11/22
Hailey Sullivan	11/05	Samuel Landry	11/13	Anna Moon	11/23
Connie Wall-Haas	11/06	Heather Houde	11/16	Izzy Smith	11/24
Liam Colbert	11/07	Kim Daly	11/18	Briana Manalo	11/25
Anna Noelle Rimkus	11/07	Bonnie Chase	11/18	Barbara Gale	11/26
Emily Grace Rimkus	11/07	Leon Avey	11/19	Diana Mendel	11/30
Phil Pratt	11/08	Kelli Hnath	11/19		

If we missed your birthday, it is not in our database. Please email unioncc@uccgroton.org to give us your birthday. Also, we would like to recognize significant anniversaries — would you share that information with us?

Church News



Next Feedback Circle November 8 after Worship

Topic: Harvest Fair

During this Feedback Circle we will discuss this year's Harvest Fair. We value your opinion and hope you will be able to attend.

Church Council

October 14 Budget Meeting Church Council met to discuss the 2016 budget. The final budget will be voted on at the Annual Church Meeting in early 2016.

October 28 Meeting The nursery is seeking a new attendant; please send resumes. The Birthday Fund (\$2,664) will be spent on a new Christmas tree and decorations for the sanctuary and the purple T-shirts that are being worn at church events. A Steering Committee is being formed to oversee a potential building project. If you are interested in learning more, see someone on Church Council. The Nominating Committee has been formed to fill positions on the 2016 committee roster. Due to the condition of the copier, the purchase of a copier has been approved using the \$2K Contingency Fund and some of this year's expected overage. The proceeds from the Harvest Fair were \$6,963.62; this will be given to Common Cathedral. Good job! A Feedback and Reflection Circle will be held after church on November 8.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 22, in the Sanctuary (after Worship)

Copies of the proposed Preliminary 2016 Budget will be available in the Sanctuary and the Church Office beginning November 8. Then on November 22, after worship, all are invited to a meeting at which the membership will approve a Preliminary Budget for 2016 (which will be finalized in January). Questions may be directed to our Treasurer, Dennis Carey (), Don Kennedy, Stewardship & Finance (), Moderator Stefanie Lempp, (), or Reverend Gail Miller.



Decorate the Sanctuary Saturday, November 28 9:30 a.m.

Kick off the holiday season with the Deacons for the annual decorating of the church Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Bring the whole family for a festive morning of beautifying the church. There will be special treats and hot cocoa available. Please join us, everyone welcome!

Nursery Attendant Position Available

Bitia Reilly is leaving in order to spend more time with her family. If you know someone who might be interested in this job, direct them to Gail or Carol in the office for details/job description.

A Potential Building Project

The Church Council is forming a steering committee to oversee a potential building project. If you are interested in learning more, see someone on Church Council.

December Courier Please submit items for the December Courier by **Tuesday, November 17**. All submissions to the Courier should be emailed to Carol Zaiatz at unioncc@uccgroton.org. Thank you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice, which embodies our thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift from the church to whomever may need our love and care. Since 2007 we have given over 50 shawls. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Wednesday (10:00 a.m.) in the Church Parlor, and you are invited! We have patterns for knitting and crocheting. We can also provide yarn. And did you know that you do not need to come to the Wednesday morning knitting group to participate? To find out more or if you have questions, please contact Erica Davenport (). Thank you for considering this.

Adult Education / B&G / Stephen Ministry

Adult Education—You Are Invited!

STICKY FAITH: Help for Christian Parents
Sundays: Nov. 1, 8 & 15

4:45—6:00 p.m. at the Hnath House
(155 Indian Hill Rd.)

Parenting is like riding a bike down a water slide:
Exciting in theory, difficult in reality! We're
constantly improvising. Guessing. Hoping what we're
doing is best. We need each other and some
guidance! #stickyfaithfamily **Contact:** Kelli Hnath
()

FAITH FINDS ITS VOICE...IN MUSIC
Wednesdays: Nov. 4 & 11

7-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

A musical walk through the centuries; we will
discover how faith in Christ has laid the
foundations for the music of western civilization
from the time of Jesus to the present day, giving us
a music that lasts and lasts. Video, recordings and
documented materials. **Host:** Bernard Crane
()

Buildings & Grounds



Church Fall Clean-up Day

Saturday, November 14 at 8:00 a.m.

You are invited! Outdoor clean-up and raking leaves will be our primary job.
More hands make the work fun and go faster. If you can, please bring a rake
and a tarp for the clean-up. If you have any questions, contact any member of
the Buildings & Grounds Committee Chris Sullivan (). **We appreciate your support.**



Volunteers Needed for Winter Shoveling

As you know, winter is coming and with it comes snow. Your Buildings & Grounds
Committee will be prepared, but could also use some help. We'll have shovels, salt, and
sand at church — when you finish your driveway, please lend a hand here on Sunday
mornings after a storm to clear a sidewalk or two. Contact Chris Sullivan ()
or any member of the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

Buildings & Grounds

—Chris Sullivan, Chair
—Connie Brown

—John Biocchi
—Barb Lefebvre

—John Brooks
—Joe Zambuto

Stephen Ministry



What Kind Of Man Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?

- ◆ A man like **Noah**...who witnessed the destruction of everything around him and needed someone to wait with him for a new day
- ◆ A man like **Abraham**...who had to leave everything he knew and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him to a new life
- ◆ A man like **Moses**...who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf
- ◆ A man like **Job**...who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.
- ◆ A man like **Jesus**...who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection, and loneliness and needed an angel of God to minister to him
- ◆ A man like **you**

If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, please see or call Pastor Gail or Andrea McDonough ().

Family Ministry / Bible Study / Sunday School

Family Ministry



Crafts and Cookies

Friday, November 6

3:30 p.m. at the Robinson House (59 Shirley Street, Pepperell)

Come join Family Ministry for an afternoon of crafts and cookies! We'll be making Prayer Pails. Prayer Pails are simple to put together and a great way to teach our children how to pray for others during this season of giving. Family Ministry will supply all the materials for the Prayer Pails and ask that each family bring cookies to share with the group. **Please RSVP to Corissa Robinson ()**.

Bible Study

Wednesday Evening

7:30 p.m. in the Pastor's Office

Micah continues to share God's word with the people of Israel, announcing God's requirements for justice and how God dispenses mercy to restore justice. "God instructs the unjust to be just, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God." Join us on Wednesday evenings as we read the scripture and lesson together followed by discussion. No prior experience needed. All are welcome. *Contact: Janet Kennedy*

Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

November we're back to the Gospels with the Gospel of Mark, a story of Jesus. Mark is concerned that we learn who Jesus is and why we should believe in him. Always good companions on the journey, sparkling conversation, tea and cookies. *Contact: Marvin Caldwell ()*

Sunday School Schedule



See you in Sunday School!

November 1—All Saints Sunday
A Message from God Deuteronomy 6:1-9

November 8—The Widow's Offering
Mark 12:38-44

November 15—Pledge Sunday
Be Ready Mark 13:1-8

November 22—Christ the King
John 18:33-37

November 29—Carols and Crafts (Advent 1)
Fellowship Hall

Christian Education Committee

—Anne Cahill, Chair
—Diane Landry

—Jean Armstrong
—Anne Larsen

—Kelli Hnath

Middle School Youth Ministry Upcoming Events



Middle School Youth Group

Middle School Ministry and Family Dinner With Information about the 2016 Summer Mission Trip Sunday, November 15

4:00 Youth: Thanksgiving Games and Activities

5:30 Family Dinner and Mission Trip Conversation

See you there! Questions? Contact Pastor Miller

December 4-5 (Friday-Saturday)

Journey to Bethlehem (6:45-8:00) (see details on page 10)

Meet at Church at 6:00 to carpool into Acton

Then overnight at St. Matthew's Methodist Church (Acton)

Pick up 10:00 a.m.; cost \$10.

Sign up in the Church Office.



Contacts: Jean Armstrong (), Janet Cary (), Mary Hanson (), or
Pastor Miller ()

Clothing Drive for CityReach

Bring your donations to Church by Sunday, November 15

ITEMS NEEDED

- Backpacks, tote bags, fanny packs, small suitcases with wheels (used and in good condition)
- Travel-size toiletries such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, Chapstick, toothpaste, and shaving cream in small sizes, as well as tooth brushes and disposable razors, and tampons in small quantities (please no aftershave or mouthwash containing alcohol)
- New white socks (there can never be too many of these)
- New underwear (again, there can never be too many — 80% for men, 20% for women)

Sleeping bags and **CLOTHING**, including:

- Nylon jackets blankets (clean and in good condition)
- **USED** and pants, ponchos, and raincoats for Spring & Fall
- Warm coats for Winter
- Sweat shirts and sweat pants (especially hooded sweatshirts)
- Sweaters
- T-shirts
- Long-sleeve shirts
- Jeans, khakis and other casual pants (80% for men)
- Waterproof boots, comfortable shoes, and sneakers
- Hats, waterproof gloves, coats
- Belts



Donations for the
Homeless

Donations can be dropped off in the alcove adjacent to the nursery in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning or in the Parish House mid-week.

Youth Mission Trip / Cherub Choir / Missions



Youth Mission Trip 2016

June 26 - July 3

Queens, NY

Middle and High School Youth

We invite kids (in **grade 6 THIS year and up**) to serve in mission in Queens, NY. We will clean/repair homes, visit in nursing homes, work in a community garden, lead a kids camp.... And through our serving we will share Christ's love and grow in our own knowledge and love for the Lord. While we will travel and serve as one youth group, we will split into two groups (middle school and high school) for our evening youth group time and for our retreat days in Pennsylvania on the weekend after serving (July 1 - 3). Cost to families is \$300/youth (scholarship available — see Gail). We are excited to offer this opportunity to so many in our church. **Your payment (\$300 --> UCC, memo: Youth Mission 2016) secures your child's spot.** Questions? Seek out Stefanie Lempp, Halsey Platt, Pete Hnath or Gail Miller.

A Message from Ms. Bonnie



Hello Cherub Families,

We have finally found a successful way to bring Cherubs together to sing: meeting for the first 15 minutes of Sunday School — and it is great!

We will be singing **Shine Jesus Shine** on Sunday November 8. After that, the Cherubs will be singing next on Sunday, December 20, and the entire Sunday School will be singing their annual Christmas Carol on Christmas Eve at the Children's Service.

Cherub Choir is very flexible. I am committed to introducing young children to the Christian songs we all grew up with. Sometimes attendance is intermittent, sometimes children would rather not sing in front of the congregation. This is fine. We have many wee ones this year and this first music experience should be an enjoyable — stress free experience.

Thank you for sharing your children, they are wonderful!

Bonnie Marchesani
Cherub Choir Director



Missions



The Giving Tree begins Mid-November Tewksbury State Hospital Residents

Are you beginning to think about Christmas gifts for your loved ones? Can you add one more name to your list? The Giving Tree will feature the name of a patient and the gift he/she would like to receive. Many of these residents no longer receive support from their families. Our generous gifts are a substantial part of their holiday celebration. **Look for the tree in Fellowship Hall around mid-November**, and please consider taking a patient's "wish" gift from the tree, signing the itemized list at the Missions table. Then return your unwrapped gift to the designated box in the Fellowship Hall by **December 13**.

Missions (continued)



Harvest Fair

It was a chilly day, but our hearts were warm as we opened our doors to the community and welcomed new friends from *Common Cathedral*. Familiar sights and smells greeted people but this year was different.

Our new t-shirts, *Sharing Christ Changing Lives*, said it all as our efforts were to benefit the work *Common Cathedral* does in Boston with individuals that are homeless. As stated by GPS, "Service to Others: Jesus commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves — we will practice this consistently and faithfully as possible, by actually doing the serving, both near and far, and by giving our resources." After expenses, the profits of **\$6,964** will be sent to *Common Cathedral*. Thank you to everyone that helped to make the day successful!

A Note from *Common Cathedral*

Rev. Mary Eaton and a few members of her staff spent the day with us at the fair and then preached on Sunday morning. We recently received the following note from them:

Dear Union Congregational Church:

Thank you for the wonderful weekend of fellowship and worship. Your support of our Common Cathedral and our community is greatly appreciated and we look forward to being together again soon.

Thanks for the love and experience!

Common Cathedral

Rich, Matthew, Leigh, Phil

The Rev. Mary Eaton (Assoc. Pastor) and Amanda Grant-Rose (Exec. Dir.)



On November 8, the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit Loaves & Fishes will take place. Please help make the holiday feast a memorable one for local families. See the list below for most-needed Thanksgiving items.

Turkeys (over 14lbs.), hams (3 lbs, 5 lbs and larger), and frozen fruit pies are needed also; but these items need to be dropped off at Loaves & Fishes during open pantry or food collection hours.

Bring your donations into the sanctuary as we'll bring them forward during the service.

- Supermarket Gift Cards (\$15 & \$20)
- Stuffing Mix
- Turkey or Chicken Gravy
- Turkey or Chicken Broth
- Cranberry Sauce
- Holiday Snacks (Fancy crackers, nuts, candy)
- Olives & Pickles
- Canned Yams
- Canned Pumpkin
- Canned vegetables
- Coffee/Tea/Cocoa
- Juice



**Thanksgiving
Food Drive**

Thank you to all who gave their time at the Ayer-Shirley Recycling Event on Oct 17th benefitting Loaves & Fishes. \$1,700 and a trailer full of food was donated to the food pantry!

Missions Committee

—Janet Kennedy, Chair
—Julie Platt

—Brenda Barker
—Pete Hnath

—Halsey Platt



Serving on Committees and Ministries

As we prepare for the Annual Meeting in early 2016 (when the “turnover” of committee members occurs), The Church Council invites you to let us know your interest in serving on Committees and Ministries. *Committee* positions require formal membership in the church and *Ministry* positions allow for anyone to serve. The current Committee/Ministry Roster can be found inside the Church Directory (available on the back tables in the Sanctuary).

Feel free to approach Stefanie Lempp (Moderator) or Pastor Miller with your questions or to express an interest in a particular Committee or Ministry.

Coming in December



Journey to Bethlehem

Friday, December 4, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Faith Evangelical Free Church in Acton
(54 Hosmer Street)

Meet at the church in Acton at 6:45 p.m.

Join Pastor Miller and her family on this adventure, which takes you back to biblical times and reenacts the journey a family would have taken to Bethlehem to be counted in the census as Mary and Joseph were. It's not a show, it's a journey that winds through the grounds of the church and can't be described with words. (visit the church's website to learn more and see photos <http://www.faithevfree.org/nativity.html>). This is appropriate for children of all ages.

Cookies 'n' Carols

Sunday, December 20 after Church
Mark Your Calendars!

We'll be looking for bakers and **SINGERS!**
Watch for details in the weekly emails and Sunday morning announcements.



Groton Community Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 13
2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 14
7:30 p.m.

Channels of Peace Come and enjoy the 41st Annual Groton Community Christmas Concert. There will be wonderful music of the season, sung by children and adults from Groton and 11 surrounding communities; Edie Tompkins, Director. This concert is held in our Sanctuary and is free (though donations will be accepted at the door).

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Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 2:00—5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Carol Zaiatz—Office Administrator

unioncc@uccgroton.org

Tuesday—Friday

8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

(Church Office is closed Saturday—Monday)

Music Director: Bernard Crane

Cherub Choir: Bonnie Marchesani

Handbell Choir: Cheryl Townsend

Church Officers

Moderator: Stefanie Lempp

Treasurer: Dennis Carey

Clerk: Lori McElroy

Collector: Bob Goudey

Internal Auditor: Bruce Wyman

November Deacons

Ed Stratton/Cassie Sampas

Prayer List: Feel free to call the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list.

Booking Events: When planning meetings, please call the church office to be sure the space is available and give dates/times to Carol so she can input them into the calendar.

Sermons: Copies of Pastor Miller's sermons are available on the website.

Weekly News Email: We now send this email through MailChimp.

Name Tags help us become friends. Please wear yours. Sign up on the nametag list on the small table in the vestibule, call or email the church office. You can use one of the blank name tags in the basket on the table until yours is ready.

Committee Chairs

Buildings & Grounds:

Chris Sullivan

Christian Education:

Anne Cahill

Church Council Member-at-Large:

Pat Woods

Diaconate:

Tim Dumont

Endowment:

Mary Hanson

Missions:

Janet Kennedy

Music:

Sheila Mitchell

Pastor Parish Relations:

Bebe Goudey

Stewardship & Finance:

Don Kennedy

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November Highlights

November 1—All Saints Sunday

- ♦ Holy Communion
- ♦ Senior and Junior Choirs

November 8

- ♦ Senior and Cherub Choirs

November 15—Pledge Sunday (see p. 2)

- ♦ We bring our Pledges forward in worship as an offering to God
- ♦ Senior Choir
- ♦ 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Meeting and Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

November 22

- ♦ Christ the King Sunday
- ♦ Senior Choir and Handbell Choir
- ♦ Special Congregational Meeting after Worship (see p. 4)

November 29

- ♦ First Sunday in Advent (Thanksgiving weekend)



Annual
Stewardship
Campaign