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**STEERE ORCHARD, OCTOBER 2ND AT 10:00 AM**  
**CHURCH HOLIDAY FAIR!**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 9-2**

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# THE VOICE

*We warmly welcome everyone to celebrate God's love by joining in dynamic worship, creating genuine community, and serving all with justice and respect.*

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October, 2021

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*"The truly happy person...is like a tree planted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds." -Psalm 1*

As I write this, September is nearly spent and autumn has officially arrived. For returning students this season represents a time to start over. For the rest of us, at the very least, it signifies a transition between the freedom of warm weather and the limitations of the soon coming cooler days. Our perspective switches and we become perhaps more mindful that the work we do must carry with it a renewed purpose and meaning if it is to last.

Change is in the air and, during this in-between time, Second Congregational Church is also on the move, busy with activities and making plans for a better tomorrow. The pastoral search committee has been actively looking and there is no doubt in my mind that in the near future -in due time- they will present this congregation with an excellent candidate! In the meantime, let us keep praying for this future leader and his/her family.



Other church committees and groups are also meeting regularly to encourage the meek, strengthen the weak, challenge the strong, and generally gather to build community and as they seek ways to strengthen these important facilities entrusted into their/your care along with the people who meet inside them. The choir has also been restarted which is clear evidence that some sense of normalcy is around the corner.

In my sermons this fall I am focusing on the things of great importance to our faith tradition such as perspective, the incarnation, generosity and gratitude. We can all use a primer or refresher course on what's really important to us, whether individually or in a corporate sense. If you have a particular sermon topic that you'd like me to highlight, please do let me know and perhaps we can take time to consider it on a Sunday.

Also, if you would like a pastoral visit, please do let me know. I can meet you at your home, in a public venue, or at the church office. I live in Quincy, but I am generally in Attleboro most of the day, typically on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Of course, it's always wise to phone the office in case something has taken me away from my desk. I appreciate each of you and look forward to continuing our season together, until your "permanent" minister arrives!

*With Affection, Pastor Wayne*

## HOLIDAY FAIR!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00 AM TO 2 PM**

Our Annual Church Fair is fast approaching! We hope you have been saving up gently used toys, recent release books (no magazines or text books please), DVD's, jewelry, games and puzzles. Please save your small household items and tools for our large yard sale in the spring. Call the church office if you have a question. Items may be left inside the back door on the stage steps.

Pie making will be held on Saturdays, October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 am. We hope you can join us.

Apple pies (10 inch) and Beef Barley and Minestrone soup (quarts) may be pre-ordered (\$12, \$10 and \$8 respectively). To order, call the office or order on Sunday or in the office during business hours, M-Th, 9-1.

**And a special offer for this Fair: You can pre-order Jessie's CINNAMON BUNS for \$7 per dozen while they last!**

For those canning/preserving your garden bounty (pickles, relishes, jams/jellies, etc.) over the summer, please consider making donations to Ruthie's Pantry. Empty jars may be donated as well. Craft items and knit goods will also be graciously accepted.

We are preparing for another terrific silent auction for our Fair this year. If you have a special item or talent that you think might work, please speak with Sandy or Fred Saunders or call the office.

Small pots of two to five inches are needed for the Plant Table. Many of the plants slated for the Fair have thrived this summer and need to be divided. Call Anne or Henry Reiley at 508-222-6146 or the church office to arrange pickup or delivery.

**Our Annual Holiday Fair is an ALL-CHURCH event and we need everyone's help to make it successful.** Please call or email Sandy if you can help: 508-699-2738, [sandrasaunders99@gmail.com](mailto:sandrasaunders99@gmail.com).

**Come and shop, and be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbors!**

## COVID FATIGUE? YES.

Trouble dealing with it? Yes.

As a normally upbeat person, I have been surprised and dismayed lately by growing feelings of depression, despair, and anger. Will the pandemic ever end? Can I keep up my guard? Will we ever enjoy normal life again? Can my faith hold me up?

As Pastor Wayne and I discussed these issues we decided to have a get-together with church members and friends who may also be struggling through this trying time. After church on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, please meet with us in the Conference Room, around 11:30. We will talk about the difficulties we face, and how we might find support and comfort from our church. If we find that future meetings would help, we'll arrange them.

*Wendy Oliver*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It's been so nice to see some of our Sunday School friends back in person and to share an ice cream together on Rally Day! We have begun a year-long journey of *Living God's Love and Compassion* beginning with a series of lessons from Illustrated Ministry on Compassion in the Hebrew Scriptures.

For the first Sunday of the month, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a Gathering Sunday and Communion. Sunday School will resume with the following precautions on October 10<sup>th</sup>: all participants and volunteers will be masked, we will meet in Fellowship Hall, and we ask that any participants feeling unwell stay home that week. Children ages 2-4 can be dropped off beginning at 9:45 in the Nursery Room (please note the change in location from September) for a special new Sunday School for Littles program including activities such as story, song, and craft time. We will not be offering traditional Nursery for children and infants under 2 years old at this time but welcome input from families who would be interested in this program.

Students in Kindergarten and up are welcome to sit with their families for the first part of worship and will join their teachers in the narthex when noted in the bulletin. If you prefer to continue worshipping virtually or need to miss a Sunday for any reason, we will gladly

provide materials for faith formation at home upon request. If you know of a new family that would like to explore faith and seek compassionate justice, please feel free to invite them to join us anytime.

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP APPLE PICKING!  
Saturday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at Steere Orchard  
in Greenville, RI.**

All are welcome to join us at 10:00 am for a hayride and apple picking followed by story time. As we will be outside masks will be optional. Please feel free to bring a picnic blanket or chair, snack, and drink for story time.

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:** David Shows Kindness

2 Samuel 9:1-13: In this lesson, the children will hear the story of David and Mephibosheth, grandson of Saul and son of Jonathan. We will learn and discuss the meaning of the word "grace" and imagine together ways they might show grace to others around them in their lives.

**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>:** The Feast That Brought Peace

2 Kings 6:8-23 In this lesson, the children will learn of the story when Elisha helped to end a conflict and transform the relationship between the Arameans and Israelites through the use of kindness and mercy. We will learn the meaning of the word "mercy" and imagine ways we've been shown mercy in our own lives. Then we will discuss how we might show mercy toward others with whom we've shared conflict.

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>:** Compassion in the Hebrew Scriptures

We will revisit the first four stories of our Compassion Journey remembering how providing hospitality, feeling powerless, sharing grace, and showing mercy can impact our daily lives and those around us. We will add to our mural stories from our personal experiences and brainstorm our first mission project.

**Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Halloween Festivities

We welcome our participants to come to Sunday School prepared for some spooky (and possibly messy) surprise activities!

If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to volunteer please feel free to reach out to me.

*Diane Osborne*  
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## OUTREACH & MISSIONS

The **Food Pantry** will be "open for business" on **Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** in Fellowship Hall. The volunteers distributed bags of assorted products to 19 families in August. Thank you for your generous donations of money and supplies. Spaghetti sauce, cereals, real fruit juices, canned fruit, baked beans, tuna, spam, peanut butter, hearty soups, corned beef hash, detergent, toiletries, household cleaning supplies, and female hygiene products are always welcome. The drop-off site is in the church office, Narthex, or kitchen. Contact: Betsey Pray, [rlpbpp@verizon.net](mailto:rlpbpp@verizon.net).

The **Family Café** is closed for the time being. It is tentatively scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Contact Linda Wiswall, [wiswalllinda@gmail.com](mailto:wiswalllinda@gmail.com).

Watch for fall sales for our **Giving Tree**. We will be collecting warm blankets and bath towels for the Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative from Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> through January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex.

The next Outreach and Missions Committee meeting is scheduled for **October \_\_\_\_**. Please let us know if you would like to join our committee, attend meetings, or have any concerns. Contacts: Derek Hall, Jen Turcotte, & Paula Foresman

## CONFIRMATION 2021-22

We are holding confirmation classes this year for youth grades 8+. Do you want to explore what your faith means to you? What it means to follow Christ? Why be a part of a faith community? These classes will help you look at your faith, learn the history of our church, and explore ways to impact the world. The classes will be held twice a month on Wednesday evenings, and will include food and fun! If you are a youth or know a youth that would be interested, please contact the church office, Tara Tetreault, or Ralph Giannetti.

Ralph Giannetti, Tara Tetreault, and Pastor Wayne are facilitating confirmation. If you are an adult

who would like to help out with confirmation, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to be called should we require assistance with different lessons or activities during the year. Please contact the church office, Tara Tetreault, or Ralph Giannetti.

Tara Tetreault - 508-801-8417 or [tetreaulttjh@gmail.com](mailto:tetreaulttjh@gmail.com)

Ralph Giannetti - 774-254-0389 or [ralphogee@yahoo.com](mailto:ralphogee@yahoo.com).

## Music Notes

After 18 months away and apart, we have begun choir rehearsals again, at the usual times:

Bell Choir – Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

Adult Choir – Thursdays, 7:30-8:30  
(a shorter rehearsal, for now)

Both choirs rehearse masked. For a less confined space, Adult Choir is in the sanctuary rather than the music room, and we are working out details for singing in church (e.g., social distancing, balcony vs. chancel, masked or not, etc.).

We'll be happy to welcome back members of the Adult Choir when they feel comfortable singing in a group, but certainly understand any reluctance or hesitation. And new members are always welcome – especially in the Bell Choir, where we need to fill in some gaps.

*Bill MacPherson, Music Director*

## LECTIONARY

The lectionary is available on line at <https://www.sneucc.org/lectionary>.

Printed copies are in the Narthex. If you need a printed copy but can't get to the church, contact the office and we will make sure you get it.

## COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team has started our visits to folks who are unable to attend services. We are happy to come to your home for a time of fellowship, whether or not

you wish to take communion. We will certainly wear masks and observe all precautions necessary. You may communicate with the Church Office or call Wendy or Charlie Oliver at 508-226-2319 to schedule a convenient time. Marcia Weidner and Roberta Zarrella are also part of the Team.

*Wendy Oliver*



Jack and Jill Pre-School is full of the sights and sounds of happy preschoolers and their teachers! We are pleased to welcome 25 BRAND new families to our wonderful community this school year. We also welcomed some new siblings. Our fantastic team of 7 educators have been busy creating routines for the children. We are excited to have full or almost full classrooms this year. We are still following health and safety guidelines to keep everyone healthy. The children are having a great time making friends and learning the schedule of their classroom. Our first days brought very few tears, and lots of smiles albeit behind their masks. We were able to host 2 family coffee hours on the first days of school. It was amazing to see new and veteran parents connecting over a cup of coffee.

We are busy planning our annual Fall Festival which will take place on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting this event mainly outdoors. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

We are all excited for a full and fun year of preschool!

We have limited availability in our programs and offer rolling admissions to families. Please feel free to visit our website at [www.jackandjillattleboro.com](http://www.jackandjillattleboro.com) for more information and to read about what's happening from week to week.

*Warmly, Katrina Lay  
Executive Director*



## Did You Know?

As long as I can remember, I have been telling just about anyone who asked, that fewer people than you might think are actually buried in the Kirkyard. To be sure, there are many gravestones, but are there really graves underneath them. My story is that the cemetery was originally located where some of the common is today. The first meetinghouse was located on the common about where the Veterans Memorial is today. You can see a sketch of it in the Conference Room at the church. In 1825 the congregation voted to build a new church which is clearly visible in this picture. Notice there are no railroad tracks. Things stayed that way until the railroad gave the town and the church an ultimatum, move the cemetery or else.



Well, some of the oldest graves were over a hundred years old and anyone who did try to move their forebears was faced with a monumental task. Remember, this was pick and shovel

work so in many cases only the stones were relocated. The late Lee Sanford who was the former curator of this church once told me that there were actual human remains under the railroad tracks and for sure there were remains on the common.

I had never actually seen a picture of the old cemetery, but a few weeks ago I had some business at city hall and low and behold right outside the mayor's office was a picture I had never seen. It clearly shows several of the taller markers that are in the Kirk yard today.

As a little aside, the granite block at the front of the picture was for the ladies to assist them in getting into the wagons or on horse saddles.

I really don't know how many of our former members are under the gravestones (my ground penetrating

radar unit is out of commission, lol), but I suspect there are a lot more stones than people.

And now you know... the rest of the story.  
*Ted Moxham*



## October Birthdays

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| 4  | Andrew Lindley<br>Diane Osborne<br>Curtis Priesing |
| 5  | Jessica Miller                                     |
| 7  | Jessica Rice                                       |
| 9  | Harry Lancaster                                    |
| 10 | Debbie Parziale<br>Rich Renoni                     |
| 11 | Kevin Beck   |
| 15 | Brianna Orrall                                     |
| 16 | Charles Smith                                      |
| 17 | Janet Blair  |
| 18 | Bill MacPherson                                    |
| 19 | Lucy DePatsy                                       |
| 20 | Deb Beck<br>Cindy Brodeur<br>Sharmon McCaughey     |
| 21 | Caleb Iocco<br>Jim Valentine                       |
| 22 | AJ Renoni  |
| 24 | Roger Bourdeau<br>Rick Lunt                        |
| 25 | Avery Laramee                                      |
| 27 | Marcia Weidner                                     |
| 29 | Donna Bliss<br>Frank Sousa                         |
| 30 | Linda O'Connor                                     |
| 31 | David Renoni                                       |

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 AM <b>Family Fellowship Apple Picking</b>
3 10:00 AM Worship/Communion	4	5 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	6	7 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	11 Columbus Day; Office is Closed	12	13	14 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	15	16 <b>Jack &amp; Jill Fall Festival!</b>
17 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Christian Education Committee Meeting 11:30 AM COVID Discussion	18 Next Month's Voice Deadline 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	19 7:00 PM Administration Committee Meeting	20 7:00 PM PFLAG Meeting	21 6:00 PM Board of Deacons Virtual Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Church Council Meeting	25	26	27	28 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	29	30 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM <b>HOLIDAY FAIR!</b>
31 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School						

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