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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 9 AM TO 2 PM

COFFEE HOUSE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 6 TO 8 PM

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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

NOVEMBER 2024

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Pastor’s Message

For many years my mother worked in a department store, and she would have a front row view to the interaction between parents and young children. She would share how some kids really listened to their parents and others were “wild.” It would always follow, “Well, you kids never acted that way in public. I wouldn’t allow it.” I have been tempted several times to remind her of the time, when I was 4 or 5 years old, that I had to be rushed to Sturdy Hospital because I needed stitches in my forehead after sliding into a gumball machine at the grocery store. Who was watching me then!

When my children were young, we did the best we could. If we were going out to eat, we would bring along a coloring book and crayons (even though we mostly ate at the ‘classy’ places that always had them on hand). One time we went out with a friend (who didn’t have kids) and we ordered our appetizers, main course and asked for the check all at the same time! He was startled, “Slow down there, friends.” Our response—‘No, you don’t get it. These kids are time bombs. When they’re done—they are going to go off!’

My kids grew up in the church—fortunately, because of my job, I never had to sit with them. My wife had a stash of Polly Pockets and Pokémon. They would set up their play spot on the pew. That is not ideal, but it kept them mostly quiet and entertained. Eventually, they learned how to stay engaged in the service (or at least until they were dismissed for Sunday school) and they graduated to sitting in the pew.

I had a rule, that still exists to this day: If you have a problem with children in church—then don’t ask them to move—you move. I would always say, “I am used to talking over children at home, I can do it here.” If a child is making noise—then there is life in the church—the church has a future. No babies, no children: no future.

Let the children come—let them make noise! It will bother the parent much more than it will bother anyone else. If restless children are making you edgy, then don’t get mad at the child or parents, just move to a different pew. There are always plenty of spots up front. Some older members will get nostalgic (like my mother) and say, “My kids never acted that way in church.” Um...yes, they did.

Children will learn by watching. They will watch adults in restaurants. They will watch how parents behave at the soccer pitch. They will watch their parents spend far too much time on their smartphones. They will watch adults in church—and they will learn what is acceptable. They will NOT learn if they are not exposed to it. It will take several times for them to pick up the vibe of the place—but keep at it.

I’ve heard it said that parents are waiting until their children are old enough or behave well enough for worship. Again, the only way they will learn is if they are placed in the situation. You can take them to Second Church, or any house of worship. You can try different places. I’ve also heard it said from parents, “We are going to wait for our children to get old enough to decide for themselves.” Honestly, they probably won’t. I think exposing the children to one church, or one house of worship, one faith will give them the foundation to make a choice. They may grow up a Catholic or a Congregationalist and make the decision that it isn’t right for them—but at least they have a baseline.

If you don’t have young children of your own—share this with someone who does. And let them know that Second Church is a safe, friendly, open and nurturing sacred space!

*Peace,
Reverend Will*

SERVICE NOTES

The Deacon of the month is Deb Hawes.

November 3rd: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion / Stewardship Sunday!

November 10th: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-11

Sermon: "Peace Work: Pass/Fail"

November 17th: Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Galatians 3:19-28

Sermon: "There is One Answer"

November 24th: Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: All six passages that were used in the series... YES!

Genesis 1:26,

Matthew 5:9,

Matthew 25:45-46,

Luke 10:27,

John 8:32,

Galatians 3:28

Sermon: "The Take Home Test"

HANGING OF THE GREENS

All children, youth, and the young at heart are welcome to join our intergenerational sacred dancers to help us welcome in the Season of Advent! We will be rehearsing on November 10th, 17th, and 24th after worship and presenting in worship on December 1st. If you or your child is interested in participating, please let me know at (508) 409-7919.

Diane Osborne

HELP WANTED

Church
Administrative
Assistant

for details visit
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NOW HIRING: Administrative Assistant, part-time (16 hrs./wk.).

Maintain office, correspondence, digital resources; assist pastor, committees, and congregation as needed. Proficiency with Microsoft Office required. Visit attleborosecondchurch.org to view the full job description. Submit cover letter and résumé by email to office@attleborosecondchurch.org or by regular mail to Second Congregational Church, 50 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703.

COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team continues to visit 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. Cathy Giannetti, Ralph Giannetti, Karen Slawson, Marcia Weidner and Roberta Zarrella are part of the team.

Women's Fellowship

Our Annual Holiday Church Fair is fast approaching! Nov. 9th will be here before we know it! The door will open at 9am for our Fair and close at 2pm. Please drop off items for Grandma's Attic by Sunday, Nov. 3rd after church or come at 6pm and bring your items with you and help us move to the Conference Room. The more hands the quicker it goes!

You can still sign up to help. Please sign up at Coffee Hour, or call Sandy 508-699-2738, or e-mail me at sandrasaunders99@gmail.com!

There will be delicious homemade food in the kitchen, Ruthie's Pantry will have delicious jams, jellies, pickles, pies, baked beans and surprises!

Our book shop will be open with lots of volumes to choose from and lots of beautiful puzzles for the winter days. We will have craft items for gifts, knit goods, etc. We will have plants, beautiful jewelry in boxes to be given as gifts and a variety of jewelry sold separately. Grandma's attic and Grandpa's Garage will be packed, including Christmas items, Antiques, kitchen items, odds and ends. Did we

mention TOYS?! Don't forget to bid on our Silent Auction table with many special items.

Take time for breakfast with homemade cinnamon buns, coffee & tea until 11 o'clock, and lunch served from 11am to 1:30 pm will delight you. Some items are meatball subs, macaroni 'n cheese, beef barley soup, minestrone soup, and a selection of homemade desserts.

The proceeds of the Fair go to Women's Fellowship which supports the General Fund, outreach programs, and a variety of maintenance projects around the kitchen and the church.

Come early and stay until we close our doors at 2 pm (or stay and help clean up - all are welcome).

Sandy Saunders, treasurer

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PSM will meet on Monday, October 18th at 2:00 in the Parlor. Shawls are a tremendous comfort to individuals experiencing a loss or other traumatic event in their lives. New members are always welcome. Contact me if you have questions. *Roberta Ferguson*



We're off to a fantastic start at Jack and Jill! Our teachers, students, and families have settled in wonderfully, and we're gearing up for one of my favorite times of the year—Literacy Month! Our kick-off began with the **Fall Festival**, where parents purchased books and added personal messages for their child or classroom teacher. The books will be delivered during the first full week of November, spreading joy and excitement!

We're also thrilled to announce our Annual **PJ Story Time** on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 PM. Families are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall, cozy in their PJs, as our Jack and Jill families come together for a magical evening of reading.

October was filled with special activities, and the students are loving

Music Notes

CHOIR SCHEDULES

We can expect to rehearse choir and bells each Thursday in November except Thanksgiving Day the 28th, and the Adult Choir is expecting to sing on all Sundays this month.

Bill MacPherson
Director of Music

Intergenerational Sacred Dance

Sacred Dance practices will be held on November 2nd, 16th, and 30th. Hope you will all still come to church on the 9th so that we can all enjoy the Church Fair! We will be presenting in worship on November 24th with a new piece, *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*. All are welcome to join! If you would like to be a part of movement in worship, all ages are welcome to join the intergenerational sacred dancers. We gather at 9am on Saturdays for about 45 minutes of stretching, learning new dances for worship, and a little bit of just "fun dance". If you or your child has any questions, please let me know at (508) 409-7919. Hope to see you then

Diane Osborne

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

The next meeting of the Outreach & Missions team is November 17th after church in the Ladies' Parlor. All are welcome, even if you are not on the committee; we're always open to new ideas.

And speaking of new ideas: here's a way you can help us to expand our mission outreach. Maybe you aren't able to get out of the house, or you don't want to attend any more meetings-ugh! Maybe you just don't have the energy or the time to do as much as you'd like to serve the community *outside* our church because you do so much *inside* church. We understand! That's why I want to suggest a very small task that can maximize our church's ability to reach out. If you are willing to pick up the phone and/or a computer and do some information-gathering for us, please tell us. For example, we might have the name of someone who runs a program that we'd like to be a part of, but we haven't gotten around to finding out more details. Or we've heard about a

program or a source of information that sounds interesting, but we need more information to see if it's a good fit for Second Church. Such situations almost always involve a bit of "googling" and then a phone call. Our committee members are already doing some of this work but think how much more we could do if we had more folks reaching out. Off the top of my head, I can come up with at least 10 or so phone calls that could be made, but time runs out. If you are NOT a procrastinator at making phone calls (as I **can** be!), then we could really use your help! You can email me at paulaforesman@gmail.com for details.

Paula Foresman

Christian Education

What a wonderful time we had in October! We've been learning about friendship and Communion, touring our church Kirkyard, and welcoming hundreds of families to trick or treat with us! Many, many thanks to all the helpful hands who made our participation in the Downtown Trick or Treat possible by donating candy, greeting guests, guiding tours, and sharing music!

A few reminders for class structure this year:

Toddlers through Pre-K and Elementary age are meeting together. Students 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. New this year, this class for younger learners will meet **every** Sunday including on the first Sunday of the month during our Communion service. Following on our church history lessons from October, during the month of November this class will be learning about the present of the church - experiencing missions, worship, and will explore what it means to find a calling. Teachers: Diane, Tina, and Nicole.

The Middle and High School youth class have chosen to focus their next few units on Faith through the lens of Food and Friendship. The teachers coordinate a schedule with the youth balancing classroom time and worship time. Teachers: Tara and Andrew.

Family Fellowship Lights at La Salette: On Sunday December 1st, all

every minute! We welcomed various community helpers to visit, and their interactions have been a highlight for the children. Additionally, we have monthly visits from Mrs. Tuminelli, who brings her guitar for singing and dancing. Our Mixed Age class is enjoying weekly karate lessons with Sensei Michael. We will be adding in monthly book readers soon! A big thank you to all our visitors for generously giving their time to enrich our students' experiences.

We are looking forward to a visit from a former Jack and Jill parent who is now a published author! Lindsay Bartholomew has just published her first children's book, "I Love You Bigger Than Everything That's Big." If you would like to learn more about this heartwarming story you can visit her website at <https://iloveyoubiggerthan.com>.

Looking ahead, our classes are preparing for the **Friendship Feast** on Monday, November 25th, held in Fellowship Hall. Each class will make a special snack to share, and the children will perform songs and enjoy a story together; what a wonderful way to celebrate friendship!

We're also excited to host our Fall Family-Teacher Conferences on Monday, December 2nd. This will be a great opportunity to discuss children's growth and development, and we're looking forward to connecting with each family.

During the month of November, the Jack and Jill Board of Directors and school community will be hosting a food drive to benefit the Second Congregational Church Food Pantry. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and support those in need.

Lastly, if you know anyone searching for a preschool, please encourage them to contact us at 508-222-1149. We are always happy to welcome new families into our community!

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who support Jack and Jill. It's a privilege to see our school thrive year after year, and I am thankful to be part of such a special place.

Katrina Lay, Executive Director

are welcome to join us and bring friends and family! We will begin gathering about 4:45 by the pond side to share the wonder of when all the lights turn on at 5pm. After we make our way around to see the lights, we will have S'mores supplies ready to share at the fire pits. If you have any questions or are trying to find our group that evening, please feel free to call or text (508) 409-7919.

If you know of a new family that would like to build community, explore faith, and seek compassionate justice, please feel free to invite them to join us anytime throughout the year. If you didn't get a chance to register for Sunday School, you can at any time of the year by requesting a form from a teacher or member of the CE Committee.

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

Diane Osborne,
Chair of Christian Education
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November Birthdays

- 1 Joyce Guild
- 5 Sue Lunt
- 6 Matt Girczyc
- 8 Theo Remmick
- 10 Kendall Hauerwas
- 11 Amanda Iocco
- 17 Steve Findley
- 18 Jen Melker
- 20 Christie Valverde
- 22 Louise Taft
Carl Valentine
Elana Valverde
- 24 Joyce Moxham
- 25 May Gowen
- 29 Pat Ramsay

FAIR FOOD ORDER FORM 2024

QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED, SO ORDER EARLY!

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

BAKED or UNBAKED APPLE PIES

You can freeze the unbaked ones and bake them at home
so your home can be filled with that delicious aroma!

Cost per pie: Preordered - \$16.00 (If available at Fair - \$18.00)
BAKED Pies: _____ UNBAKED Pies: _____ Subtotal: \$ _____

Pies will be available from 10:30 to 11:00 on Oct. 26th or Nov. 2nd
and after church on Oct. 27th and Nov. 3rd.

Other pickup times may be coordinated with the Church Office.

Please specify the DAY and TIME you will pick up your pies and **please be prompt!**

I will pick up my pies on _____ at _____
DATE TIME

BEEF BARLEY SOUP or MINESTRONE SOUP

You can freeze the soup and save it for later
so your home can be filled with that delicious aroma!

Cost per quart: BEEF BARLEY \$14.00 - MINESTRONE \$10.00

Make checks payable to Women's Fellowship.

Quarts: BEEF BARLEY _____ MINESTRONE _____ Subtotal: \$ _____

Soup will be available at the Fair, Saturday, November 9th, 9 am to 2 pm.

I will pick up my soup at _____
TIME

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

SUBMIT PIE & SOUP ORDERS BY NOVEMBER 1ST!!!

2025 Stewardship Campaign

Our annual Stewardship Campaign kicked off on October 13th and concludes with Stewardship/Laity Sunday on November 3rd. We have a goal of \$175,000 in pledges, which would be a \$10,000 increase over commitments made this past year. Why the increase? Costs to sustain our ministries, pay our utilities, and to compensate our staff all are keeping pace with the inflation we've seen over the past two years, and we are already tapping the endowment for general operating funds in excess of the recommended amount. We can get back to the recommended levels by increasing the number and amount of our pledges.

Please make your commitment to keep our church thriving through your regular financial contributions. You can make your pledge by clicking on the Pledge Tab at the bottom of our church's homepage (<https://www.attleborosecondchurch.org>) and then fill out a pledge card and bring it to the altar on November 3rd. If you can't be in church, the web pledge route is the easiest, or you can also mail your pledge card to the office, or just call your pledge in during office hours. Pledge now – just *Imagine* what we can accomplish together in the coming year!

CHURCH FAIR

PLANT TABLE DONATIONS

Please drop off well labeled houseplants, herbs, or perennials on Thursday & Friday, November 7th & 8th, at the Plant Table in Fellowship Hall.

Insert a plastic knife or tongue depressor into your plant's pot.

Clearly identify the Common & Scientific name with a permanent marker.

Questions? Contact: janbblair@aol.com

N O V E M B E R 2 0 2 4

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 AM Intergenerational Sacred Dance Rehearsal
3 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 10:00 AM Worship Communion Sunday School 11:15 AM Christian Education Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Fair Grandma's Attic Move	4	5	6 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	7 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Scout Troop 34 Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	8	9 9:00 AM HOLIDAY FAIR 6:00 PM Coffee House & Open Mic
10 10:00 AM Worship Sunday School/	11	12	13 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	14 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	15	16 9:00 AM Intergenerational Sacred Dance Rehearsal
17 10:00 AM Worship Sunday School After Worship Outreach & Missions Cmte. Meeting	18 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	19 6:00 PM Jack & Jill PJ Story Time 7:00 PM Administration Committee Meeting	20 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	21 5:00 PM Board of Deacons Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	22	23 Girl Scouts Loving Loaves Cub Scout Pop Corn Pickup
24 10:00 AM Worship Sunday School 11:15 AM Church Council Meeting	25 Next Month's Voice Deadline 10:00 AM Jack & Jill Friendship Feast 3:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day: Office is Closed	29	30 9:00 AM Intergenerational Sacred Dance Rehearsal

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