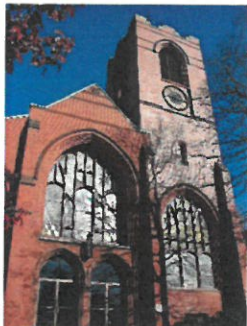


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THE VOICE

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 2025

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Pastor's Message

Probably like many of you, I am frustrated with the way things seem to be unfolding in our world. The recent assassination of a 'cultural influencer' has brought it all to us front and center.

While researching for a sermon, I came across an article that piqued my curiosity. The article ended with the line: "If you would look away from the words of Charlie Kirk, from what else would you look away?"

That line hit me hard. It's about words. The author makes the claim that 'words are not violence, nor are they powerless.' The rhetoric from the left and the right may not be blatantly or explicitly violent but they carry with them the power to influence. We learned growing up that "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words could never hurt me," but that is simply not true. Words have the ability to cause psychological hurt. Words have the power to unite or divide. Words can start a movement or perpetuate a lie. Words can make you laugh or cry. Words in and of themselves are just a bunch of letters put together—but it is the image or implication of a meaning, intent, that gives words their power.

Charlie Kirk was a White Christian Nationalist by any definition of the term. He was white. He claimed to be a Christian. He believed that the United States of America was God's dream. His words and the words from his friends and colleagues support all of these claims. After reading his own words on varying issues—I found that I do not agree with his words.

It is fair that people want to elevate him as an icon. He was successful at what he did. He had the ear of the highest leaders of our country. He founded a movement that would become a global organization. He spoke out for what he believed in and gave voice to young people across the country who felt that their voices were not being heard.

I read the same Bible that Charlie Kirk read. But I do not read it the same way. He read it in the same manner that a growing number of people are reading it, particularly in places that put a great deal of emphasis on socially conservative viewpoints. They will say that they are reading it right—and that they have the Truth on their side.

However, I can't look away from the words of Jesus. I can't look away from the actions of Jesus. I can't look away from the cultural context of Jesus. It raises the question, "If you can look away from the words of Jesus, from what else could you look away?"

Interestingly, Jesus gave a sermon. Matthew remembered that he gave it on a mountain. Luke remembered that he gave it on a plain. They remembered it differently—not right or wrong. Not right or left. When it came time for them to record the words of Jesus—they made different choices. However, the words and actions of Jesus were not elevating men who were strong, rich, USAmerican, winners, powerful, educated. Jesus continually spoke out for those on the margins—the others.

I invite you all to slowly reread the gospels. Read other sources that will share insight into the context of the times. Please don't confuse the words of any pastor, cultural icon, politician or social media influencer with the actual words of Jesus. Because, if you will look away from the words of Jesus, from what else would you look away?

In Christian Love,

Rev. Will Sencabaugh

SERVICE NOTES

The Deacon of the month is Charlie Oliver assisted by Wendy Olive.

October 5th

17th Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Scripture: Luke 17:5-10

Sermon: "Communion in Communion"

October 12th

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Sermon: "If I Were a Rich Man"

October 19th

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 6:17-26

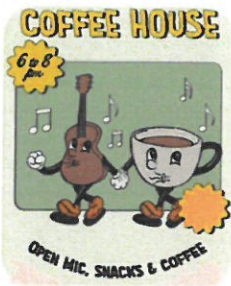
Sermon: "Different Angles, Different Angels"

October 26th

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

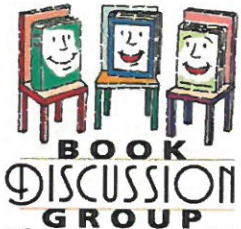
Sermon: "There's Life After Doom"



SECOND SATURDAY OPEN MIC AND COFFEE HOUSE

October 11, 6-8 PM

All are invited to attend or participate. This event is always open to the public. Over the past few months we have had some new performers show up—and they are a wonderful addition to our regular players. Please consider dropping by—stay as long as you'd like. There is no admission fee but we do put out a free will basket. And there's always snacks. If you'd like to sing, play, or offer a reading—or have any other act—then please arrive a few minutes before 6 PM and sign up.



Tuesdays, 6 – 7 PM

The group will meet on October 7, 14 and 21. We will be reading and discussing the book **THE FIRST PAUL** by Borg and Crossan.



CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS FOR THE PASTOR

Come meet Rev. Will at the office, or out in the community.

Tuesday: 8- 9:30 in his office, 9:30 – 11 AM at The Burgundian

Wed: 8-11 AM at his office

Thursday: 9:30-11 at his office, or 6 – 7:30 PM at Skyroc Brewery

Rev. Will can be available most times for a visit. Please give him a call—he'd be glad to visit!

As promised – here are the Logic Problems from the worship service on September 21, 2025.

Parable 1.



3 brothers check into a hotel and rent 1 room. The hotel clerk informs them that the room is \$30 for the night (yes, it's a nice hotel), so each brother chips in \$10 and they pay for the room in advance.

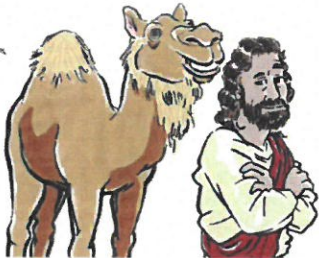
About an hour later, the clerk realizes that he charged the brothers the weekend rate of \$30 instead of the weekday rate of \$25. He gives the bellhop five \$1 bills to return to the brothers. On the way up to the room, the bellhop realizes that \$5 can't be divided evenly among the 3 brothers, so he only refunds them \$3 and pockets the other \$2.

Each brother originally paid \$10 for his share and received a \$1 refund – so that means they each ended up spending \$9 on the room. $9 \times 3 = \$27$. The bellhop kept \$2 – that adds up to \$29. What happened to the other dollar?.....

The answer:

Add \$2 to the money that the hotel received \$25 (after they refunded the \$5) and that equals \$27. This is the same amount that the brothers paid (9×3).

Parable 2.



A man died and left his 17 camels to be divided among his 3 sons. One was to get $\frac{1}{9}$; one was to get $\frac{1}{2}$; and the other was to get $\frac{1}{3}$ of the camels. But 17 camels aren't divisible by 3 or even 2.

The sons argued long and loud about how to divide the camels. Finally, in desperation they agreed to ask a certain wise man what to do. He was seated in front of his tent with his own camel stake out back. After hearing their case, the wise man took his own camel and added it to the other 17 camels. This confused the young men until he gave $\frac{1}{9}$ of the camels to the young man, which equaled 2. Then he gave $\frac{1}{2}$ of the camels to the other son which equaled 9 camels. Then to the final son he gave $\frac{1}{3}$ - which equaled 6 camels. Besides that he still had his own camel left.

The brothers were so engrossed in their controversy that they failed to realize that their point of reference was too small. The wise man saw this controversy from a more enlightened view. His momentary sacrifice of his own camel provided a solution for the brothers at no cost to himself.

-The point of the above parables is that sometimes we need to come at a problem differently, with a more creative approach. Maybe we are framing the issues the wrong way and we need a new perspective.

COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team continues to visit folks who are unable to attend services. We're happy to visit your home for fellowship, regardless of whether you choose 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

Coffee Hour happens after Sunday worship each week. Our church family can enjoy this time catching up with friends and making new ones. We need help running coffee hour. Sandy will train you on whatever step you would like to try! Step 1 - Set up for coffee hour begins at nine. Step 2 - After church serve coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Step 3 - After coffee hour - clean up. Step 4 - Donate a treat for the sharing table. Please come enjoy this time with us. Sign up by the serving table or call Sandy at 508-699-2738.

Our Annual Church Fair is fast approaching! November 8th will be here before we know it! We hope you have been saving up gently used toys, recent release books, (no magazines or textbooks, please), CD's, DVD's, jewelry, games and puzzles, household items and items for Grandpa's Garage. If any items are large, please save them for the spring yard sale if you can. Call Sandy if you have any questions. No TV's please. Items may be left inside the back door on the stage steps. The first day to sign up to serve at the fair is Oct. 5, 2025, or you may e-mail Sandy, and let her know where you would like to work. sandrasaunders99@gmail.com or call 508-699-2738.

For those canning/preserving your garden bounty (pickles, relishes, jams + 2 jellies, etc.) over the summer, please consider making donations to Ruthie's pantry. Empty canning jars may be donated as well. Craft items and knit goods will also be gratefully 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.

Our Annual Holiday Fair is an All-Church Event, and we need everyone's help to make it successful. Come and shop and be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbors! Another opportunity to help in preparation for the fair is to help peel apples on Oct. 24 from 9:30 to noon and apple pie making workshop on Saturday, October 25th from 9am to noon. We will be peeling apples on Oct. 31st from 9:30 to noon, and having another apple pie making workshop on Saturday Nov. 1st from 9 to noon. We will be moving items to the conference room on Nov. 2nd to get ready for Grandma's attic and Grandpa's Garage starting at 6 o'clock, the more hands the faster it goes. Please call or e-mail Sandy if you would like to help.

Sandy Saunders, Treasurer
sandrasaunders99@gmail.com
508-699-2738

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



This fall the PSM will partner with O&M to provide "Ditty Bags" and winter hats to the New England Seafarers Mission. Please see the Outreach & Missions article for more information.

PSM will meet on Monday, October 20th, 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*

PRAYER GROUP

Every Sunday after worship the prayer cards are collected, and during the week an email goes out to this small group. We pray for everyone on the list. This is a calling, a brief time of petitioning God's loving help for each person's situation.

We consider the information on the cards to be confidential. We would like to invite more church members to join this prayer network. If you would like to be a "pray-er", please speak with me at church, or email me.

Wendy Oliver
Cw.oliver@comcast.net



The 2025–2026 school year at Jack and Jill is off to a wonderful start, filled with exciting changes and new faces! This September, we proudly welcomed our very first toddler/preschool class, taught by Mrs. Alyssa Mackenzie and Mrs. Julie Haynes. Students and staff are settling into routines, friendships are blossoming, and the hallways are full of smiles.

Throughout October, we will be learning all about community helpers. This theme offers children the chance to meet and explore the important roles of helpers in our community and the valuable work they do.

Our first major fundraiser of the year, the Annual Fall Festival, is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th. This beloved event will be held outdoors, weather permitting. "Pumpkin Passports" will be available beginning Monday, October 6th for \$10 each. Every child aged two and older will need a passport to participate in the activities. To purchase yours, please email or call the school.

We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable year at Jack and Jill! Don't forget to check out our weekly blog updates at jackandjillatlboro.com.

Finally, we still have limited availability in some classes. We remain so grateful for your continued support and are proud to provide a nurturing, engaging, and joyful preschool experience for families in our community!

Katrina Lay, Executive Director

Music Notes

CHOIR SCHEDULES

The choirs have a regular Thursday rehearsal schedule in October (2, 9, 16, 23, and 30): Bell Choir, 6:30-7:30; Adult Choir, 7:30-9:00. New members are always welcome. This is an optimal time to join, at the beginning of the season, and we're just starting to rehearse music for Advent and Christmas.

The Adult Choir will sing in church every Sunday in October (5, 12, 19, and 26). At an upcoming rehearsal, the Bell Choir will set a date to play, probably in late October or early November.

Bill MacPherson
Director of Music

Intergenerational Sacred Dance

Sacred Dance practice will be held this month on October 11th and 18th. 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

or diane.osborne713@gmail.com. Hope to see you then!

Diane Osborne

OUTREACH & MISSIONS



Last month's Voice (available on our web site) gave a description of a fall Outreach and Missions project brought to us by Carole Baker, whose neighbor is connected to the New England Seafarers Mission. Ditty Bags (finished size 16" x 11") are being made by some of our members and friends (including our administrative assistant, Michele!), and they will be filled with the following requested, donated items:

Crew Socks – White or Black; Combs; Nail Clippers; Warm Gloves; Bandanas; Hard Candy; Lip Balm; Toothbrushes; Sewing Kits; Calendars; Paper Notepads; Gum; Warm Hats; T-Shirt.

We will be collecting these items through October and November, in the Narthex.

Packing day is customarily held on the first Monday in December, and volunteers will be needed.

We have been doing small errands and offering rides to classes at the Literacy Center for the family we are "mentoring", and if anyone can help out, particularly with a drop-off at the Literacy Center on Wednesdays, please talk to me and I'll give you the details. And a BIG thank you, on behalf of this family, to Glenn and Marcia Weidner and Pastor Will for moving a U-Haul full of furniture up to a second floor apartment!

We are still seeking someone who is willing to spearhead a church walking group--this means a person who is willing to show up at the church at a regular time each week to take a walk with whoever shows up. Talk to someone on the O & M committee if you are interested!

Our "Craftersnoon Group" continues to meet on the second Friday (Oct. 10 this time) of every month from 2 to 3:30--laughter, good conversation, and some actual projects happen!

The next Outreach and Missions meeting will be on Sunday, October 12 at 8:30 am.

Paula Foresman

Christian Education

Many thanks to all who helped us enjoy a fun filled September! With Rally Day, Blessing of the Backpacks, and our Family Fellowship UNO & Pizza Night it was such a wonderful time together! 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.

World Communion Sunday: On Sunday October 5th, all are welcome to join us to celebrate at Christ's table. The younger Sunday School class will have a special lesson about Communion during the first part of worship and then rejoin the congregation in worship for Communion.

Attleboro Downtown Trick or Treat: Saturday October 18th

From 2-5pm the city of Attleboro will be holding the annual downtown Trick or Treat. We had a great time as a pumpkin stop the last few years and look forward to participating again. All are welcome to help hand out candy, take a stroll around to visit the other participating organizations, and certainly to donate. Please place all donations in the pumpkin box in the Narthex. Such a great way to be part of our downtown community!

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

Diane Osborne,
Chair of Christian Education
Diane.osborne713@gmail.com
(508) 409-7919

ONE PLUS ONE

All are welcome to join us for our
October Pizza Party

Glenn and Marcia Weidner will be kindly hosting the Pizza Party at their home on Saturday, October 25 at 5 p.m.:

325 South Main Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

Please bring \$5 per person, and let your "Caller" know if you will be donating an appetizer, salad, or dessert item by Wednesday, October 22. Bring your own beverage preference.

If you are not on our calling list and would like to be, please contact Colin Blair at (508) 226-5457, or e-mail colincb@aol.com.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

We Read: Sunday, October 19th, during coffee hour, Rev. Dr. John Fisk will read Yertle the Turtle by Dr. Seuss.

Holiday Fair: This year's Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 15th from 8am-2pm.

Christmas Concert: The Christmas Concert will be on Saturday, December 13th at 4pm.



- 4 Diane Osborne
Curtis Priesing
- 5 Hunter Flick
- 7 Jessica Rice
- 9 Dan Galasso
Harry Lancaster
- 10 Debbie Parziale
Rich Renoni
- 11 Kevin Beck
- 16 Charles Smith
- 17 Janet Blair
- 18 Bill MacPherson
- 20 Deb Beck
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- 22 AJ Renoni
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Jack & Jill's Annual

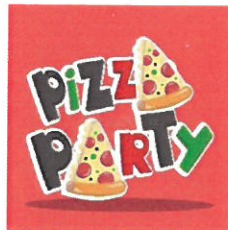


Saturday, October 18th, 9am

Attleboro Downtown Trick or Treat



Saturday October 18th, 2pm



When: Saturday

October 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Place: Glenn & Marcia Weidner's
home, 325 South Main Street,
Attleboro, MA 02703

RSVP: Wednesday, October 22nd



Every 2nd Friday of the month at 2pm
Join Us for some fun and fellowship!



Have something in good condition that
you don't use anymore? Consider
donating for the Holiday Fair or joining
us on Crafternoon Friday!



New England Seafarers Mission (NESM) is an outreach ministry that serves the international seafarers of the maritime business community. NESM provides chaplains and services in Boston, Providence, and Narragansett Bay, and now reaches 35,000 people per year from 167 countries. Their core belief is that as a Christian organization, they are called to open their doors of hospitality to ALL women and men who reach local ports.

These small tokens of love and remembrance go a long way to let the women and men serving onboard industrial ships know that they are not forgotten by God or by us.

<https://neseafarers.org/about-us/>



October 2025 Events

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12 8:30 AM Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting 10:00 AM Worship/Communion/Sunday School 11:15 AM CE Committee Meeting	13 Columbus Day - Office is closed	14 6:00 PM Book Study - The First Paul	15 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	16 5:00 PM Board of Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boyscouts Committee Meeting Zoom 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	17	18 9:00 AM J&J Fall Festival 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice 2:00 PM Attleboro Downtown Trick or Treat
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