

THE VOICE of *Second Church*

United Church of Christ
50 Park Street
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October 2026



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WATER COLORS & CRAFTERNOON, FRIDAY 10/9 AT 2:30 PM

YOUNG ADULT OPEN MIC, FRIDAY 10/9 AT 6 PM

COFFEE HOUSE & OPEN MIC, SATURDAY 10/10 AT 6 PM

BOOK STUDY GROUP TUESDAY 10/13 AT 6PM

JACK & JILL FALL FESTIVAL 10/17 AT 9AM

UNO PIZZA NIGHT, SATURDAY 10/17 AT 6PM

THE CHOSEN DISCUSSION GROUP 10/28 AT 6:30 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

October 2026

Calendar	Jack & Jill	One Plus One	Sacred Dance	Outreach Missions	Christian Education	Birthdays	Music Notes	Women's Fellowship	Communion Visitation
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From the Pastor's Desk:

In my sermon on September 6, I talked about the members of our church offering the extravagant welcome of Jesus to those inside and outside of the walls in this church. It should be our hope that all members, friends and visitors experience the love and grace of God. If we receive all with an extravagant welcome then attendance, membership, and even the financial numbers will never be a problem—every Sunday, every meeting, every moment in this church will be filled with the inspiring grace of a blessed homecoming.

I went on to mention that at a church I served (when we realized we were missing the mark of ministering to and retaining the members of our church) adopted a new idea. We created Pastoral Care Ministry Teams...

The 5 mentioned below are what the Deacons of that church came up with. A couple of them may seem similar to what we have done for years. We brainstormed 5 needs for pastoral care. Our goal was to get every member of the church involved in serving one need.

Mail Ministry-

Would you have time to write two cards a week? Would you have time to write one card a day?

Meal Ministry-

When people come home from the hospital, it is nice to not have to prepare a meal or go and pick one up. Also, delivering a meal for someone shows that we really care. And we really do.

Transportation-

Could you give a ride to someone to a doctor's appointment, to church, or anywhere?

Home Needs-

Are you handy? Can you handle a rake or a snow shovel? Do you have a snowblower? Are you comfortable climbing a ladder and cleaning gutters? If you have the time, tools and talent- could you help someone with small tasks around the house.

Visitation-

This church is wonderful. I know that members are visiting other members. Are there people that aren't getting any visits? A visit could be an hour, or a half-hour. Would you have one hour a week? People can visit in homes, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, workplaces, a walk around the green—anywhere!

Our church already does have a visitation team that meets regularly. There are members of our church who are offering rides to other members.

I would love to report that the idea took hold and the church grew because of this incredible ministry, but just as we rolled it out, Covid 19 stopped us in our tracks!

I still believe that these ministry teams are worth pursuing. These are very small acts of ministry but those who are on the receiving end of these kindnesses are grateful (and those who minister end up feeling great). This is a way to let everyone know that they are welcome, connected and of value to our church.

They would not be committees- but teams. There are no terms to serve, no votes to be taken. Is there a need? Fill it.

It is really that simple. Could you commit a few hours a month to helping one of the above TEAMS? Would you be willing to lead or organize such a team?

Peace, Rev. Will

SERVICE NOTES

The Deacon of the month is Karen Slawson assisted by Carissa Johnstone.

October 4th *World Communion Sunday*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 8:18-27

Sermon: "Mind Your Peas and Queues or Ps and Qs"

October 11th

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:12-23

Sermon: "You're So Vain, You Probably
Think This Sermons about You"

October 18th

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Worship Leader: The Rev. Carole Baker

October 25th

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-25

Sermon: "The Privilege of Privilege"

OCTOBER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will pick up beginning in October with "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again" by Rachel Held Evans

We will meet on Tuesday nights from 6 to 7 p.m., beginning on October 13 and Ending on November 10.

Copies of the book will be available in the church office (they are \$10).

SECOND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OPEN MIC AND COFFEEHOUSES

Each month we host two coffeehouses. The Second Saturday Open Mic and the Second Friday Open Mic for young adults is starting to gain popularity with the number of performers!

We could use your help...

Sign up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall. The Friday Open Mic could use chaperones and hosts (four people: 2 to put out beverages and snacks and 2 to simply watch)

We need people to provide snacks and beverages for the events.

We need people to take posters and put them in places where young people might see them.

We need people to talk to their friends, neighbors, family, and anyone who works in a school or music program.

It would be lovely to have different folks helping out each month so that no one HAS to do it EVERY month.

Friday, October 9th, 6-8 pm - YOUNG ADULTS This Open Mic is open to young adult performers, ages 12 and up. Anyone is welcome to attend. It would be fantastic to see members of our church supporting our young people. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of people and perform.

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

REV. DR. RUTH SHAVER

as our new Area Conference Minister for the Southeast Region
of the Southern New England Conference, UCC!

AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH • 3:00 PM

UCC NORWELL

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Help us celebrate with a reception treat:

- Barnstable — Drinks
- Old Colony — Savory Snacks (cheese & crackers, chips & dip)
- Pilgrim — Dessert (with gluten free options)
- Rhode Island — Fruit & Veggie Snacks (veggie platter, fruit salad)

RSVP at tinyurl.com/celebrate-ruth



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Questions? Contact riuccassocation@gmail.com



Pizza Party

Lorraine & Bob Frye will be kindly hosting the Pizza Party at their home:

Saturday, October 24 at 5 p.m.
21 Hilltop Road,
Plainville, MA

Please bring \$5 per person, and let your "Caller" know if you will be donating an appetizer, salad, or dessert item by **Wednesday, October 21**. 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.

Janet Blair



The 2026–2027 school year at Jack and Jill is off to an amazing start, and there is so much to be excited about!

This September, we proudly welcomed more than 75 children through our doors! Our classrooms have been refreshed with new furniture, our teachers are introducing a brand-new curriculum, and our school is buzzing with activity. Children and teachers are settling into their routines, new friendships are forming, and our classrooms and hallways are filled with learning, laughter, and lots of smiles! As we head into October, our children will begin learning all about Community Helpers! Throughout the month, they

will explore the many people who help make our community such a wonderful place to live, learn, and grow. We are excited to help our children learn more about these important roles and the people behind them.

Save the Date for Our Annual Fall Festival!

Our first major fundraiser of the year is almost here! The Jack and Jill Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 17th, outdoors weather permitting. This is always a favorite event for our families, and we can't wait to celebrate fall together!

Pumpkin Passports will go on sale beginning Monday, October 5th for \$10 each. Every child aged two and older will need a Pumpkin Passport to participate in the festival activities. Please email or call the school to purchase yours.

We have so many fun things planned for the months ahead and are looking forward to making the 2026–2027 school year one to remember!

Be sure to follow along with everything happening at Jack and Jill by checking out our weekly blog updates at jackandjillattleboro.com.

Thank you for your continued support of Jack and Jill Preschool. We are incredibly proud to provide a nurturing, engaging, and joyful preschool experience where children can learn, grow, make friends, and have fun. We can't wait to see what this year brings!

Katrina Lay
Executive Director

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.

Step 1 - Set up for coffee hour, make coffee, hot water for tea and hot chocolate, cold water, this happens at nine.

Step 2 - After church, serve coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cold water.

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 is on the bulletin board behind

the serving table or call Sandy 508-699-2738.

Our Annual Church Fair is fast approaching! November 7th 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, antiques 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. **Please no big furniture, tv's or electronics.** Items may be left inside the back door on the stage steps. Sign up is happening now! Please come sign up during coffee hour or send me an email, sandrasaunders99@gmail.com or call 508-699-2738. Thank you.

We also would like items to be donated for the Silent Auction! Please leave on back steps, with silent auction written on it, starting bid, and value. You may also give them to Sandy during Coffee hour. Thank you!

For those canning/preserving your garden bounty (pickles, relishes, jams and 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.

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. 23rd and Oct. 30th at 9:30 to noon. **Apple pie making** will be on Oct. 24th and Oct 30th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Starting in October we will be taking prepaid orders for pies and soups.

Lastly, we will be moving items to the conference room on Nov. 1st to get ready for Grandma's Attic and Grandpa's Garage starting at 6 pm, the more hands the faster it goes. Please call or email Sandy at 508-699-2738 or e-mail at sandrasaunders99@gmail.com if you are available to help, or sign up at coffee hour.

We will be collecting surplus items, canning, knitting, crafting, jewelry, books, puzzles, toys, collectibles, gently used Christmas decorations, and plants. Please start bringing your items in for Grandma's Attic and Grandpa's Garage starting Oct. 4, 2026. Please put all items on/near the bench at the top of the stairs by the back door before entering Fellowship Hall. Also, if you have something you would like to donate to a silent auction, please write a note on the item, saying the value, and a possible starting a bid. Please bring in plants, canning, knitting, and craft items the week of the Fair Nov. 2 – Nov. 6.

Please no big furniture, tv's or electronics.

If you have any questions, please ask Sandy or Fred Saunders. Thank you for your help. See you soon!

Sandy Saunders

Treasurer

sandrasaunders99@gmail.com

508-699-2738

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PSM will meet on Monday October 19th at 2:00 p.m. 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

Music Notes

Choir Schedules

We have a regular schedule of rehearsals and performances in October. The Bell Choir and Adult Choir will rehearse every Thursday (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at the usual times: Bells, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Adult Choir, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

The Adult Choir will sing every Sunday this month (4, 11, 18, 25). The Bell Choir is currently discussing and finalizing performance dates.

Renovations to the Sound System (continued)

Besides the new soundboard, which is a technologically amazing replacement of our 25-year-old mixer, other components have been added. One is a more powerful antenna that receives signals from all the wireless mics. This allows more wide-ranging movements of anyone using a wireless device,

without the loss of signal or the introduction of static.

As I mentioned last month, another capability of the system is adjusting sound levels remotely (e.g., from out in the sanctuary, in real time), using a dedicated app on a tablet. Many thanks to Dave Renoni for doing this every Sunday since he installed the new system.

At this point, still early on, and with each different combination of mics that is used, fine tuning of levels is still taking place. We appreciate feedback from listeners, both in the sanctuary and from those tuning in to the online streaming. Let us know if and how you have difficulty hearing or understanding the audio.

Bill MacPherson

Director of Music

Intergenerational Sacred Dance

Sacred Dance practices will resume this month with practices on October 17, 24, and 31. 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

It seems that this church year there will be plenty to do to extend helping hands into our congregation, our community, and beyond. Here are some examples to inspire you:

- Ken Hill has been working on his fitness over the summer, and he's ready to help the rest of us as well by hosting a church walking group; we're thinking Saturdays might work well for most people. Stay tuned for the start date. Hint: it will be very soon, and will be announced on Facebook, Instagram, and the website, as well as in church.

It's not too soon to begin thinking

about "Christmas Is For Kids", since we'll have to finish collecting items by the end of November. One thing we know is that there is a need for leather gloves--not mittens--for teens. There will be a list of additional items coming soon; look for it on the information table in the narthex.

- Not to rush things, but "winter is coming". Dan Joyce is in search of people to help organize this winter's emergency shelter for the homeless; if you can help in any way, please contact him (dejoyce57@comcast.net; 508-964-1207).
- Did you know there are many ways to access free community meals? The Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative has listed them, and if you know of someone who might be interested, you can find the flyer on the information table in the narthex.
- Thanks to all those who helped The Thermitus/Dortelus family move from Attleboro to Plainville; they are most grateful and are working hard to settle into their new home.



- As usual, Crafternoon will take place in Fellowship Hall on the second Friday of the month: October 9, 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting of Outreach and Missions:
Sunday, October 4th at 8:30 am.

Paula Foresman

Christian Education

The new school year is in full swing and we have greatly enjoyed welcoming back our children and youth for the program year. New students can enroll at any point in the year so 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!

Many thanks to all who helped with food prep, serving, and clean up for our Rally Day Celebration! We look forward to many more opportunities for food and fellowship this year so if you didn't get a chance to help out this time and would like to at a future event, please let me know.

Family Fellowship – Uno & Pizza Night: Saturday October 17th

We had so much fun at our first UNO night last fall that we are bringing it back with even more fun! Take a night off from cooking and enjoy some pizza with us beginning at 6pm. Even if you've never played UNO before we hope you'll join us for this free, all ages evening of fun & fellowship! Please look out at Coffee Hour on the tree bulletin board for the sign-up sheet so you can let us know you're coming, any dietary restrictions, and what your favorite pizza toppings are.

Downtown Trick of Treat Please note that we have greatly appreciated all of the candy donations and everyone who helped out at this event in past years. Unfortunately, the city will not be hosting a trick or treat this year. We appreciate how generous the congregation has been and will be seeking other opportunities to give back to local families (ideas are welcome!)

We are also looking for a few additional volunteers who can assist in the Sunday School classroom and the Nursery. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to volunteer, please let me know or join our CE Committee Meeting on October 11th following worship for more information.

Diane Osborne

Chair of Christian Education

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(508) 409-7919

COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team will meet on Wednesday October 14th at 10 a.m. The 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 Michele in the church office or Cathy Giannetti, Ralph Giannetti, Karen

Slawson, and Marcia Weidner, who are part of the team.



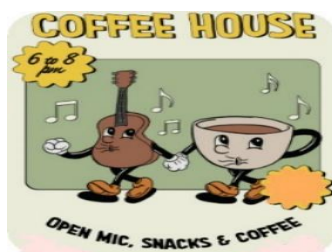
Tuesday: 8- 9:30 at the church, 9:30 to 11 at the Burgundian

Wednesday & Thursday: 8 – 11 am, at the church

Rev. Will is available most times. If you would like a visit please contact Rev. Will or the Office and an appointment can be arranged. Thank you.



**Youth (12-22yr)
Friday October 9th
6 – 8 pm**



**All Ages
Saturday October 10th
6 – 8 pm**



**Uno Pizza Night
Saturday October 17th
Family Fellowship**



- 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
- Sharmon McCaughey
- 21 Caleb Iocco
- Jim Valentine
- 22 AJ Renoni
- 24 Roger Bourdeau
- Gabriel Lay
- Rick Lunt
- 25 Avery Laramée
- 27 Marcia Weidner
- 29 Donna Bliss
- Frank Sousa
- 30 Linda O'Connor
- 31 David Renoni



2026

**Second Congregational Church
Events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 10:00 AM Worship/Communion Sunday School	5 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal 6:30 PM Pack 33 Committee Meeting	6 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 7:00 PM OP Practice	7 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	8 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	9 2:30 PM Color Our World 2:30 PM Crafternoon 6:00 PM Young Adult Open Mic	10 6:00 PM Coffee House & Open Mic
11 10:00 AM Worship/Sunday School 11:15 AM CE Committee Meeting	12 Columbus Day – Business Office Closed 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal	13 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:00 PM Book Study - "Inspired: Slaying Giants... 7:00 PM OP Practice	14 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	15 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	16	17 9:00 AM J&J Fall Festival 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice 6:00 PM UNO Pizza Night
18 10:00 AM Worship/Sunday School	19 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	20 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:00 PM Book Study - "Inspired: Slaying Giants... 7:00 PM OP Practice 7:00 PM Administrative Committee Meeting via Zoom	21 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	22 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	23 9:00 AM Apple Peeling 	24 9:00 AM Apple Pie Making for Fair  9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice
25 10:00 AM Worship/Sunday School 11:15 AM Church Council Meeting	26 November's Voice Deadline 3:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal	27 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:00 PM Book Study - "Inspired: Slaying Giants... 7:00 PM OP Practice	28 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting 6:00 PM Board of Deacons Meeting Zoom 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting 7:00 PM PFLAG MEETING	29 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	30 9:00 AM Apple Peeling 	31 9:00 AM Apple Pie Making for Fair  9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice

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