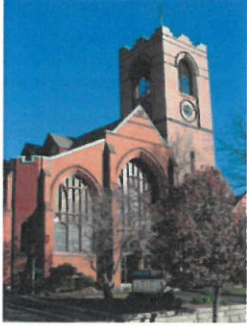


THE VOICE of *Second Church*

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November 2026



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BOOK STUDY GROUP, TUESDAY 11/3 & 11/10 AT 6PM

HOLIDAY FAIR, SATURDAY 11/7 AT 9AM

THE CHOSEN DISCUSSION GROUP, WEDNESDAY 11/11 AT 6:30 PM

WATER COLORS & CRAFTERNOON, FRIDAY 11/13 AT 2:30 PM

YOUNG ADULT OPEN MIC, FRIDAY 11/13 AT 6 PM

COFFEE HOUSE & OPEN MIC, SATURDAY 11/14 AT 6 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 2026

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From the Pastor's Desk:

In the church we often take it for granted that our members understand Stewardship. Here is a little thing I like to call, Stewardship 101...

The Budget

Each year our church faithfully votes a budget. Before the budget is presented at an Annual Meeting it is reviewed several times. The Admin committee talks about how the funds were spent the previous year. They compare years and costs. They project. It is very important to know that they seek input from the congregation. Before sitting down to analyze the budget- they ask the committee chairs to share what their projected needs are for the upcoming year. When the Admin committee feels good about their work, they share it with the Church Council. It will be discussed once again. No decision on the budget is ever final, until after it is approved at the Annual Meeting (which means everyone has input).

The Stewardship Campaign

Each year the Stewardship Committee is charged with planning a fund-raising campaign. Over the years, many different options have been used. The campaign may be simply writing a letter or two, or it can be members of the committee canvassing with a visit to each member's home. The goal of the campaign is to raise enough income through pledges to offset our expenses for the upcoming year. The committee will set an ambitious goal—this year it is \$200,000! In lean years, we have relied too heavily on the investment income from our endowments. Our goal is reduce the amount we draw, so that our endowments will last a very long time. The Stewardship Campaign in addition to raising funds through pledges is also trying to raise awareness about the importance of stewardship- and the joy of giving.

The Pledge

A major source of income for our church is The Pledge. Each year we ask every member (or household) to make a faith pledge. This is not a bill! We rely on the grace of our members to support the church financially. Quite frankly, without the financial support of our members- Second Church would not exist. Many rules and guidelines may have been offered over the years- but my favorite is- give until it feels really good, and let your gift represent you.

Here's how it works:

You receive the stewardship materials in the mail. Included in the materials will be a pledge card. Take some time to prayerfully consider what you are able to gift to the church. Fill out the card and either mail it to the church or bring it in on Stewardship Sunday, November 8.

After you make a pledge you will be given a box of pledge envelopes. You can take all year to fulfill the pledge. Most people send in their money monthly, or drop a portion in a pledge envelope when they come to worship. Some people even pay their pledge with one check. The rule is: whatever works for you.

Things change, and life changes. Sometimes things that are beyond our control happen and we experience a serious loss of income or a new expense occurs. When that happens we are faced with the reality of making a decision about which bills to pay. As stated before- the pledge is not a bill. If at any time- you need to alter your pledge- you can do that.

Finally, one parishioner told me- when she does sit down to pay her bills each month- the first check that she writes is to the church- this always reminds her of her priorities. She puts God first. That is her reminder of the source of all her blessings.

May your gift represent you.

Rev. Will

SERVICE NOTES

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

November 1st *All Saints Day/Communion Sunday*

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-25

Sermon: "The Privilege of Privilege"

November 15th *Music Appreciation Sunday*

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 100

Sermon: "Music – God's Thank You"

November 8th *Stewardship Sunday*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Tara Tetrault

Scripture: Matthew 6:26-34

Sermon: "Where is Your Treasure? Where is Your Heart?"

November 22nd *Reign of Christ*

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "The Greatest of All Time"

November 29th

First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: "The One about Hope"

Book Discussion Group for November and December

November: We will continue reading the book- Inspired by Rachel Held Evans

We will meet on November 3, 10, 17 from 6 to 7 PM

Book for December! I wanted to give you a little notice in case you wanted to purchase this book ahead of time. The book group will meet in December on Dec. 1, 8, and 15.

The book we will read and discuss is "The Autobiography of Santa Claus," as told to author Jeff Guinn. This is a very easy read, combining fantasy, fun and fact.

The Book Discussion Group is open to everyone! Come, even if you can only be there one week. Come, even if you haven't read the book.

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, November 13th, 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.



The school year is well underway, and November is shaping up to be another exciting and busy month at Jack and Jill! November is Literacy Month, and we are looking forward to celebrating the joy of reading with our students and families! We kicked off our literacy celebration at the Fall Festival, where families had the opportunity to purchase books and write special messages to their children. I am excited to visit each classroom during the first full week of November to personally deliver these books to the children. It is always such a special experience!

One of our favorite traditions, Annual PJ Story Time, will take place on Tuesday, November 17th, at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Families are invited to put on their coziest pajamas and join us for a wonderful evening of stories, togetherness, and a shared love of reading.

We are also looking forward to our Friendship Feast on Tuesday, November 24th, in Fellowship Hall. Each classroom will prepare a special snack to share, and the children will come together to sing songs, listen to a story, and celebrate the friendships they have been building. This is always a heartwarming event and a wonderful reminder of the importance of kindness, friendship, and community.

Behind the scenes, our teachers are busy completing their first round of assessments and progress reports as they prepare for parent-teacher conferences in December.

Throughout November, the Jack and Jill Board of Directors and our school community will be hosting a food drive to benefit the Second Congregational Church Food Pantry. As we enter the season of giving, this is a meaningful opportunity to teach our children about generosity, compassion, and the importance of helping others.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our incredible teachers,

dedicated Board of Directors, supportive families, church community and, of course, the wonderful children who make Jack and Jill such a special place. Wishing all a wonderful November and a happy Thanksgiving!

Katrina Lay
Executive Director

Women's Fellowship

Our Annual Holiday Church Fair is fast approaching! Nov. 7th 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. 1st after church or come at 6pm that day 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 or text Sandy at 508-699-2738.

There will be delicious homemade food in the kitchen, Ruthie's Pantry will have delicious jams, jellies, pickles, pies, baked beans and surprises! Our bookshop will be open with lots of volumes to choose from and lots of beautiful puzzles for the winter days ahead. 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 & collectables, kitchen items, and odds & 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 macaroni 'n cheese, beef barley soup, minestrone soup, and a selection of homemade desserts.

The proceeds of the Fair go to the Women's Fellowship which supports general programs, and helps fund Outreach 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
sandrasaunders99@gmail.com, 508-699-2738

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PSM will meet on Monday November 16th 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

The Bell Choir and the Adult Choir will rehearse at the usual times on the first three Thursdays of November (5th, 12th, and 19th). They will not rehearse on the 26th (Thanksgiving).

The Adult Choir will sing in church all five Sundays this month (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th). The Bell Choir will play on the 15th, Music Appreciation Sunday. Advent begins on the 29th!

Bill MacPherson
Director of Music

Intergenerational Sacred Dance

Sacred Dance practices will be held on November 14th, 21st, and 28th. We are preparing a piece to share in worship during Advent and 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!

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Diane Osborne

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 15th and 22nd after worship and presenting in worship on November 29th. If you or your child is interested in participating, please let me know at (508) 409-7919.

Diane Osborne

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Our walking group has had a great beginning, and we'll continue to meet on Saturday mornings at 10--for now, at the La Salette Welcome Center. Even if it's chilly or cloudy!

During the month of November we'll be sponsoring **two** collections: our contributions to Christmas is for Kids is focused on warm (leather, lined) gloves for teens; another suggestion is "chapter" books for tweens and teens--**deadline for these is November 28.** Our other collection for **November and December** is personal items/toiletries (tissues, wipes, paper towels, cleaning supplies, shampoo, soap, etc.), which will be donated to the Hebron Food Pantry to supplement the food items that the pantry offers. The Lutheran Church in Attleboro will be collecting food items in November/December and also donating to Hebron Food Pantry; we are currently in discussion with them about coordinating/merging our donations. Stay tuned for more info about this potential partnership.

A huge "thank you" to Empty Bowls, who has given us \$4000 to supplement our food pantry!! The faithful, hard-working members of the food pantry are now exploring new ways to enhance our food service to the community. We'll make sure to let you know as we move forward!

Here's a message from Pam Tarallo regarding this year's warming shelter operation: "...the cold weather is gonna be coming up upon us shortly. There is going to be a Warming Center this winter though I will not be running it. I have a gentleman, Mark Morin from Beacon Covenant church who also has started a nonprofit to help with the warming center called Mobile Hearth. Mark is having a meeting this Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 at Centenary United Methodist Church [15 Sanford St., Attleboro.](#)

Mark asked me to invite you to this meeting if you are interested in helping at the Warming Center this winter. This is such a vital service for those who have no homes. Thank you everyone."

And finally, Crafternoon and Color Your World will take place as usual on

the second Friday of the month, at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Paula Foresman

COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team will meet on Monday November 18th 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.

Christian Education

Multiple students have been reporting in Sunday School that they have spotted Christmas things in stores, so we have been holding on a little bit longer to fall! This year we are centering our journey on the beauty of God's garden and how we interact with the people and the earth. We have learned about homelessness from multiple perspectives including a visit from our Outreach & Missions committee to learn about the ways the church is involved in the community. We've also been exploring our bond with water, its ability to protect us, and our responsibility to protect it.

Family Fellowship – Pizza & Uno – Many thanks to all who came out for an energetic evening of competition last month at our second annual Pizza and Uno card game night! More details to come in the December Voice for midwinter BINGO.

Family Fellowship – Christmas Baking – Save the Date for a fun morning of baking and merriment on Saturday December 19th! More details will be shared in the December Voice.

We accept "rolling" enrollment for Sunday School throughout 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. 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 at (508) 409-7919 or

Diane.osborne713@gmail.com

Diane Osborne

Chair of Christian Education



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

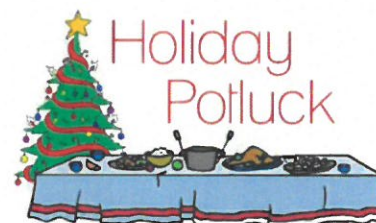
Wednesday & Thursday: 8 – 11 am, at the church

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.

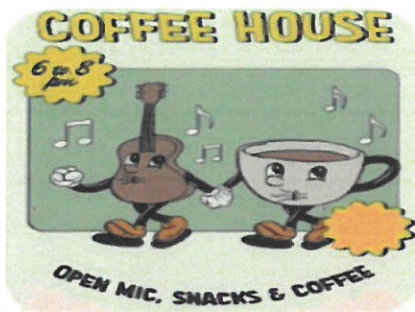


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Friday November 13th
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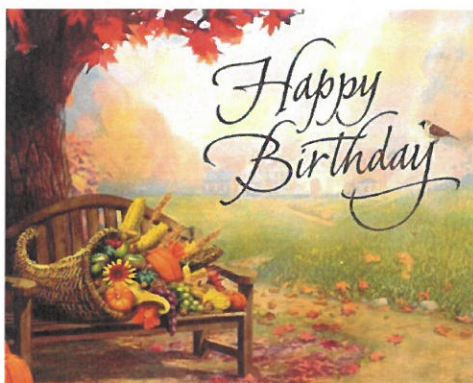
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Stay Tuned for more details! In December at the Saunder's home



All Ages
Saturday November 14th
6 – 8 pm



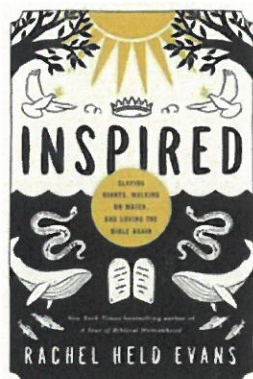
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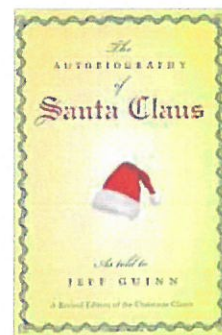
Second Church Holiday Fair
Saturday November 7th
9am – 2pm

Christmas on the Hill Faire
Park Place Congregational Church
November 14th
9am – 2pm

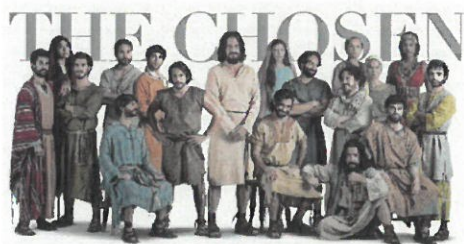
First Baptist Church
Holiday Fair
Saturday December 5th
8am – 1pm



Book Discussion Group
Tuesdays 6pm
November 3, 10, & 17



Book Discussion Group
Tuesdays 6pm
December 1, 8, & 15



Discussion Group
Wednesdays 6:30 pm
November 11th & 18th



Second Congregational Church Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 AM Worship/Communion/All Saints Day/Sunday School 6:00 PM Fair Grandma's Attic Move	2 Holiday Fair Set Up » 6:30 PM Pack 33 Committee Meeting	3 « Holiday Fair Set Up » 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:00 PM Book Study - "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on 7:00 PM OP Practice	4 « Holiday Fair Set Up » 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	5 « Holiday Fair Set Up » 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	6 « Holiday Fair Set Up	7 9:00 AM HOLIDAY FAIR 10:00 AM Walking Group At LaSalette
8 10:00 AM Worship Stewardship Sunday Sunday School	9	10 6:00 PM Book Study - "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 7:00 PM OP Practice	11 Veteran's Day J&J Closed 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group	12 6:00 PM Citizenship in the Community 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	13 2:30 PM Crafternoon 2:30 PM Color Our World 6:00 PM Young Adult Open Mic	14 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice 10:00 AM Walking Group At LaSalette 6:00 PM Coffee House & Open Mic
15 10:00 AM Music Appreciation Sunday Worship Sunday School 11:15 AM Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal	16 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	17 5:30 PM J&J Pajama Storytime Party 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 7:00 PM OP Practice 7:00 PM Administrative Committee Meeting via Zoom	18 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	19 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	20	21 7:00 AM Girl Scouts Loving Loaves 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice 10:00 AM Walking Group At LaSalette
22 10:00 AM Worship Thanksgiving Sunday Sunday School 11:15 AM Church Council Meeting 11:15 AM Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal 3:00 PM Ecumenical Service	23 Next Month's Voice Deadline 3:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution	24 10:00 AM Friendship Feast 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 7:00 PM OP Practice	25 6:00 PM Board of Deacons Meeting Zoom 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting 7:00 PM PFLAG MEETING	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27	28 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice 10:00 AM Walking Group At LaSalette
29 10:00 AM Worship 1st Sunday of Advent Sunday School Hanging of the Greens Presentation 11:00 AM Bylaws Special Meeting	30 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal					

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