

FRIENDLY MESSENGER

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A Word from Rev. Jackson

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

As we turn the corner into the month of November, we embrace the Thanksgiving season. In a few short weeks, we will gather with our families around our harvest tables thanking God for what He has done for us. What are you thankful for this past year? Where have you seen God working in your life? Who has Jesus used to bless your life and cause you to express grateful thanks?

When Paul wrote to the church in Philippians, he commended them for their hard work in supporting his ministry:

Philippians 1:3-6: Thanksgiving and Prayer

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

This New Testament ministry continues to put the gospel into action through our church family. Lately I have encountered several examples of people in our church putting their faith into practice by helping members of our church who are in need. As I recently visited our shut-ins, I heard story after story of our members sending a card of encouragement or baking someone some food as an act of love. We don't always hear about the small acts of kindness that are done in the name of Jesus but I can tell you they are appreciated by the recipients.

For the Christian church, Thanksgiving is all about being grateful for what Jesus has done for us and for His people passing that love along to others. If you look carefully around our congregation, you can see that sense of sharing and mission everywhere. Remember that our mission in Tatnuck is dependent

on the Lord. We are God's hands and we are called to do His work.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us look into our hearts and give to our church as the Spirit leads. Then on November 10, we will prayerfully place our pledges before God on the communion table during worship. Let us, as God's family, support this mission in Tatnuck with generosity and compassion. When the Spirit touches our hearts, may we respond with a thankful and appreciative "YES".

Happy Thanksgiving!

See you in church.

Because He Lives,

Rev. Bob Jackson

Stewardship News

Stewardship information for 2020 will be arriving by mail during the first week of November. Please place your pledge card in the offering plate during the November 10th service or send it to the office.

Thank you: Stewardship Committee

FRIENDLY MESSENGER DEADLINE:

The due date for the December 2019 issue is Thursday, November 21st. If your article(s) aren't in by that date, we'll be happy to include it (them) in our January, 2020 issue. Thank you!

From Hospitality

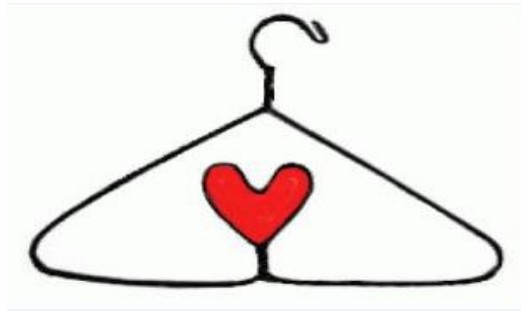
Anyone wishing to bring in treats for Sunday Coffee Hour, please sign up in the Narthex or call the Office. Thank you! As of, Friday October 25th, November 3rd, 17th & 24th are available to host.

November Birthdays

- 06 Rita Swett
- 08 Lorna Cardin
- 12 Betty Dalbeck
- 13 Renee Mason
- 17 Ashley Rucinski
- 24 Travis Sinclair (Katy's son)
- 27 Matthew Ahaesy
- 28 Donald Ansley
- 29 Katy Chase
- 30 Ruth Nickerson
- 30 Andrew Sullivan

November Anniversaries

- 09 Greg Waters & Cindy MacLaurin



Concordia's Closet:

FLASH REMINDER: Final collection is Sunday, November 10th.

Hope you have completed your sorting and cleaning and filled those bags with your donations to Concordia's Closet. Delivery will be made on Tuesday, November 12th at 11am.

All donations can be left on the kitchen side of the stage, under the signs, anytime you are in church.

Remember the ALLs – ALL seasons, ALL sizes, ALL ages are needed plus business attire, shoes and accessories. Gently worn blankets and linens are also welcomed.

The closet is a huge outreach for the Concordia Lutheran Church in Main South, which we have been helping with twice-a-year for over 8 years.

Every bag counts – big or small, and if you need help with the big ones, call Linda Ann at 508-832-6785 BEFORE Sunday, November 10th.

Did you ask your friends and neighbors? I know from experience – bags are dropped off like magic, people are more than glad to help when they know about our mission.

Minutes of Meetings

The Council would like to remind all members that minutes of Council and Board meetings are posted on the bulletin board opposite the Tower Door entrance.

The Church Mouse



Wow, we have been watching the leaves turn their brilliant colors and then fall all over the ground. What a glorious season of color it has been. November brings lots of special activities. November 5 is Election Day. Be sure to exercise your right to vote. It is the American way. Then on November 11, we all pause to honor the veterans past and present who pledged their sacred honor to defend our country. The day is a reminder that at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Great War, that is World War I, ended. I wish it had been "the war to end all wars" and that the world could be at peace. It is something we still have to strive for. The final holiday of the month is Thanksgiving. I sure hope each of you will be able to gather with your families and friends around a table and thank God for the blessings in your lives. Have a wonderful November my friends. We will talk next month. Your faithful church mouse, Nick

Prayer Requests:

Hampton Bagdasarian requests prayers for June Kemp; Sue Cardin requests prayers for David Siam; Susan Anderson requests prayers for her daughter, Melanie; Sue Carrow requests prayers for her brother, Michael Curran; Connie MacInnes requests prayers for her niece Linda; The Deacons request prayers for Sis Prefontaine & Paul Scherdell; prayers for Melissa Castle as she is recovering from surgery

Laundry Love



Jugs and quarters were top on the list for your donations in October. We delivered 9 jugs of detergent and \$40 in cash to help out with Laundry Love.

We also had 6 wooden set-in puzzles and six boxes of flash cards for various ages to help keep the littles ones busy.

The families are doing the same thing we are, changing linens for winter warmth, freshening up coats and jackets, as well as, keeping up with school and sports attire. They just need a little extra help one night a month, taking a turn at the laundromat with the help of the dedicated Laundry Love team.

Please keep them in mind as the next delivery date gets close – Tuesday, November 12th – and add something under the Bubble Tub in the Narthex. Cash to Linda Ann please!

Other items needed for the Walking Together Ministries are: hand sanitizers, hand cream (pocket size), Band-Aids, 2x2 pads, antiseptic cream, alcohol wipes, lip moisturizers and cough drops.

Collection Sunday – November 10th!

Thank you for helping!

Save the Dates:

Veterans' Day Luncheon on Sunday November 10th.

We will have a coffee hour and soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 10th following our Sunday service. We hope you will be able to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship. If you have a special soup or stew you would like to share, please speak to Carolyn Jackson or Sue Anderson. We are also planning on a selection of pumpkin and/or cranberry muffins or desserts. If you would like to share your special recipe, again, please let us know. Hope you will be able to join us. Feel free to invite family and friends.

Fall Cleanup Day!!!

Saturday, November 16, 2019

From 8am – 12noon

It is time once again to clean up our church yard in preparation for the Holiday Season to come. There are many opportunities for service and many hands make light work. Bring your rakes, pruners and good will. If you cannot make the date consider taking on one of the items on the work list and doing it at a time which suits you. Or if yard work is not your gift, consider making a donation of lime, mulch or fertilizer. Any and all help is welcome.

REMINDER:

This is the last Newsletter being mailed to you in 2019. Starting December 2019, the Newsletter will now be e-mailed. If you do not have an e-mail address, please let the office know and we can still mail it to you. Office number is: 508-752-4635. Thank you

Fellowship

Our November schedule is somewhat abbreviated. We hope you will join us on Tuesdays, November 12 & 19 for meetings. Coffee and goodies will be available.

Nov 5 No meeting. Election Day.

Nov 12 Meet in Fellowship Hall to sort and bundle the clothing gathered for Concordia Closet

Nov 19 Meet in the church parlor for a mission project. We will be making some special gifts to be included with the Christmas packages we collect for the children through MSPCC. It will be an easy craft day, no experience necessary. (Hint: it includes chocolate!)

Nov 26 No meeting today. Preparing for Thanksgiving.

Nov 28 Have a blessed Thanksgiving day with family and friends.

Coming up: Dec 3 Join us for a special Advent program led by Carissa Rodriguez. We look forward to seeing everyone



History Room

THIS ARTICLE IS A REPRINT OF OUR CELEBRATION YEAR, IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT:

Veteran's Day is almost here. The news and printed articles remind us of the sacrifices so many have made for us to be living in a free nation.

During the 300th Celebration, we dedicated the reproduced 4x6 banner to the many service men and women from this church during World War I and II – which is displayed in the narthex. We also celebrated the men and women that are in our congregation now by recognizing their branch and location of service from World War II to peacetime.

- Warren S. Day – Naval Air – World War II
- Wesley Dallbeck – National Guard – World War II
- Steven Coy, Jr. – Army – Suez Canal
- Hampton Bagdasarian – Air Force – Germany
- George Boggs – Air Force – Cuban Missile Crisis
- Raymond Bull – Army National Guard – Vietnam
- Milton MacInnes – Army Reserve – Vietnam
- Doug Perkins – Air National Guard – Vietnam
- Norman Anderson – Army – Vietnam
- Robert Smith – Air Force – Libya
- Delores Trzcinski – Army Reserve and Guard – Grenada
- Marie Trzcinski – Army National Guard – Peace Time

From a grateful congregation – **Thank You.**



Holiday Harvest

Tuesday, November 26th

Doors open at 7am

Registration starts at 8am

Distribution of Food 10am to 2pm

**Veterans Inc., 69 Grove Street
Worcester, MA**



**Open to in-need Veterans & their family members
Bring DD-214 or VA Card as proof of Veterans Status**

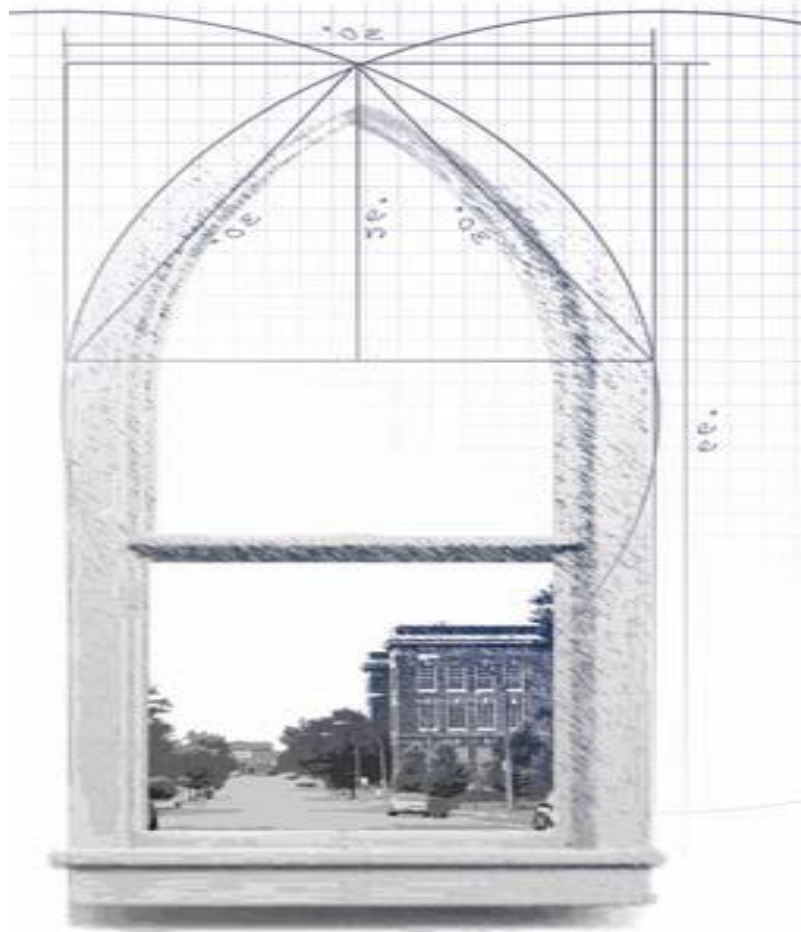
**Thanksgiving food boxes, including a turkey and fixings, will be
provided to veterans in need and their families.**

For more information contact (800) 482-2565, email – info@veteransinc.org

Board of Trustees Restarts Window Project

We are happy to share that we are restarting the project to refurbish and paint the church windows. It has been a few years since we attempted to raise funds to paint our windows. Our church windows are still in great need of repair and painting.

Would you consider making a donation to this worthy cause? The estimated cost is \$5,000. We have raised about \$1,000 with \$4,000 to go. With your help and God's provision, we can paint and restore our windows for the future. Thank you for your help in the past....we appreciate your help for the future.



FCC Worcester Calendar

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Poll drop-off 5:00pm Girl Scouts-Hall 7:00pm Last Reserve Church 9:00pm Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor	2 10:00am New Hope SDA-sanctuary & parlor 12:00pm Church of God-Hall
3 Daylight Saving Time ends 10:00am Worship 10:30am Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor 11:30am Deacons Meeting 2:00pm Last Reserve Church 6:30pm AA Meeting-Hall	4 10:00am Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor 7:00pm AA Meeting-Parlor	5 Election Day 10:00am NO Fellowship 7:00pm Last Reserve Church	6 Poll pick-up 7:00pm Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor 7:00pm AA Meeting-Hall	7 6:30pm AA Meeting-Hall 7:00pm Choir	8 7:00pm Last Reserve Church 9:00pm Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor	9 10:00am New Hope SDA-sanctuary & parlor 12:00pm Church of God-Hall
10 10:00am Worship 10:30am Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor 11:30am Trustees Meeting 12:00pm Harvest Lunch in honor of Veterans Day 2:00pm Last Reserve Church 6:30pm AA Meeting-Hall	11 Veterans Day 10:00am Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor 6:30pm Neighborhood Watch Mtg-Parlor 7:00pm AA Meeting-Hall	12 10:00am Fellowship 7:00pm Last Reserve Church	13 Katy's 1 year of employment 7:00pm Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor 7:00pm AA Meeting-Hall	14 6:30pm AA Meeting-Hall	15 5:00pm Girl Scouts-Hall 7:00pm Last Reserve Church 9:00pm Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor	16 9:00am Fall Cleanup Day 10:00am New Hope SDA-sanctuary & parlor 12:00pm Church of God-Hall
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