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From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus: "I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink! "

Jesus' Followers: "When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink?"

Jesus: "I'm telling you the solemn truth: Whenever you do something for someone overlooked or ignored, that person is **me** ____ you do it for **me!**"

Friends,

Fall, it seems, is a time in church life when we are more conscious of our hungry neighbors - both those who live around the corner as well as those who live on the other side of the world. Along with autumn leaves and diminishing sunlight, hunger walks and food drives have become annual events. It's not that we do nothing during other seasons, but there seems to be renewed commitment to helping feed hungry people at this time of year. Perhaps the colder temperatures get us in touch with our own vulnerability. Maybe thanksgiving for what we have heightens our awareness of those who don't have enough.

This fall the Deacons, in tandem with the Missions Committee are asking us to help our hungry neighbors in a particular ways. We will be in mission with the Survival Center. The Survival Center assists individuals and families living in Indian Orchard, Hampden and Wilbraham. Jean Howells, well known and beloved by many in this church family, is a volunteer at the Survival Center. She's working with us so that we are providing that which is most needed by people.

Elsewhere and in this newsletter you will find details of exactly what would be helpful; specific food items and requests for volunteer help to name a few acute needs. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Further, we will be sharing some ways in which you can join us in helping the Hampden Senior Center provide a Thanksgiving Day meal.

Lastly please join us in prayer in this mission. Whatever you are able to contribute - food, prayer, time or money, please join us in helping to feed Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Jan

FROM THE DEACONS' BENCH

***P*ARISH NOTES**

Gift to Church

The Church recently received a bequeath from the estate of Melba Chapin, an 83 yr. member of our church. The church greatly appreciates Melba's dedication and service to the church when she lived and is grateful for this continued commitment on her death. Melba's will specified that \$15,000 be used to create the Melba R. Chapin and Wesley A. Chapin Scholarship Fund and \$5,000 was also designated for the Music Endowment Fund and \$10,000 for any purpose the Church felt was necessary. Additionally, we also received \$20,000 from Melba's niece that was put into the General Fund to use at our discretion.

The church greatly appreciates these gifts as they are much needed, especially in times of annual budget shortfalls.

When considering your wishes at the time of death we hope you also consider including us (the Church) in your will or financial planning. If you would like some basic information on how you might make a gift to the church such as that described, feel free to contact the Treasurer or a member of the Finance Committee.

Thank you.

Thank you

Dear Federated Church Congregation,
Thank you for your love, prayers and support, not only to me but also my sister Janet Modlish. The prayer shawl is one of the prettiest I've seen, all my favorite colors. I look forward to the cooler weather to wrap myself around in your love. Thank you again.

Denise Galpin

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, October 27th we welcomed 2 new members into our church family.

Those added to our church family are: Dennis Chaffee Jr., & Lisa Payson, who joined the Federated Community Church. We are so pleased to have them covenant to "walk with us in Christian faithfulness and love."

I recently received the following email that is going around. As I share it with all of you, I fear much of it is all too true. Though our Sunday School attendance is currently small we have some very dedicated young adults who were previous students. Thank heaven our church family has done some things right as we marvel at their devotion. We have in the past into the present been blessed with many wonderful, thoughtful & caring young people that have grown in their Christian faith. May we continue to support them in their faith while continuing to grow in our own.

The following is by a 15 yr. old who got an A+ for this!

The Lord's Prayer

Is not allowed in most
public schools anymore
because the word 'God' is mentioned
a kid in Winnipeg wrote the attached
NEW School prayer:

Now I sit me down in school
where praying is against the rule.
For this great nation under God
finds mention of Him very odd.
If scripture now the class recites,
it violates the Bill of Rights,
and anytime my head I bow
becomes a Federal matter now.
Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
that's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise,
prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.
For praying in a public hall
might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate.
God's name is prohibited by the Provenance.
We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me Liable.
We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
and the 'unwed daddy' our Senior King.
It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,
we're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong.
We can get our condoms and birth controls,
study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles,
but the Ten Commandments are not allowed.
No word of God must reach this crowd.
Amen

Deacon Phyllis Watson

Thanksgiving Soup

The children and youth of the Sunday School will again come together to make and share Thanksgiving soup on Sunday November 24th. To continue this wonderful tradition we need the following donations. Please drop them off in the church kitchen early on Saturday, November 23rd. There is a sign-up sheet in Libby Hall.

2 small turkeys – thawed	1 gallon milk
4 large cans chicken broth	3 bunches celery
4 pounds carrots	2 pounds onions
4 pounds frozen corn	2 pounds potatoes
6 loaves Italian Bread	1 pound butter

(all vegetables should be peeled and parboiled)

Community Survival Center

The mission of the Community Survival Center is to provide survival items of food, clothing, and household goods to members of our community in times of need.

The Community Survival Center is a 30 year old non-profit agency that helps families struggling to provide the basics: food, clothing and household items. Our emergency food pantry serves Ludlow, Wilbraham, and Hampden as well as the 16 Acres, Pine Point and Indian Orchard neighborhoods in Springfield.

The Bridge of Hope Thrift Shop is open to the public and sells quality clothing and accessories, most at just \$2 per item. Also, the Clothing and Household Goods Program offers sales at just \$3/bag and is also open to the general public. All proceeds help to fund the pantry.

They are supported by donations from neighbors: individuals, churches, businesses, schools and various groups and organizations within the above mentioned communities. And they are extremely grateful to be able to support the center primarily with their help.

From now until the end of the year they will be concentrating on holiday foods that they bag into complete meals to be cooked at home by the recipients



Anniversaries

We send congratulations to the following members who celebrate wedding anniversaries in November:

David & Kathleen Hutchinson	11/04
David & Karen Anable	11/23
Geraldine & John Spear	11/26
Paul & Karen Vella	11/29



Birthday Greetings to the following adult members of our church who celebrate birthdays in November:

Heather Sterling	11/01	Mildred Davis	11/12
Jeannette Ingle	11/02	Nathan Varney	11/12
Jessica Donais	11/02	Susanna Gourlay	11/12
Ronald Donais Jr	11/02	Cheryl Fonda	11/15
Henry Dunwoody	11/04	Charlotte Thomas	11/16
William Haley	11/04	Carol Quinlivan	11/17
April Gonce	11/05	Alicia Hummel	11/18
Nancy Willoughby	11/05	Diane Fisher	11/20
Jocelyn Smith	11/07	Todd Kane	11/21
Kiaran O'Brien	11/07	Bill Cunningham	11/21
Jeremy Tessier	11/09	David Spencer	11/23
Earl Schofield Jr	11/10	Mark Brodeur	11/23
Adina Johnson	11/11	David Hutchison	11/26
Edna Fisher	11/11	Lynn Cunningham	11/26
Journe Germain	11/11	James Morini	11/30
Trina Robinson	11/11		

Christian Education

Kristi and I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Harvest Festival a success from our pancake crew to clean up. Despite a little wind we had a beautiful day. Thirty crafters participate, many of which will be returning for our Christmas Bazaar Dec. 5th. Thank you everyone!

Blessings Laurie & Kristi.



Sunday School Birthdays

Becker, Eva Mae	11/04
Becker, Caleb	11/06
Paradis, Avery C	11/14
Stewart, Kelsey A	11/15
Tulloch, Anthony	11/16
Lee, Sean E	11/19
Gardner, Addison	11/30

Missions Moment

The autumn is truly upon us with the beauty of God's creation around us. We are blessed to have a wide variety of interests in our church and such generous givers of time and talents. This November we will be collecting new underwear and socks for the Springfield Rescue Mission. This is for all ages, both male and female. We are also going to start supporting Holy Joe's Café. This is a ministry started by the First Congregational Church of Wallingford CT. They donate coffee for the troops but as always, it is more than coffee that the troops get. They get support from chaplaincy in a casual coffee house setting. For more information please see their website: <http://holyjoescafe.org/>. When you are drinking your morning coffee at fellowship hour, remember our troops overseas.

The annual Crop Walk was on Oct. 20th at 2PM. This is a great interchurch event which will highlight the need to stamp out hunger! You still have a chance to donate! http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013FallCROPHungerWalk/TR-Fall2013?team_id=98669&pg=team&fr_id=17749 We have raised \$710 so far! Thank you!

Prayer flags were flying at the Harvest Festival and we have made many more since. These will be displayed downtown in Springfield. "Creating a Peace-full City: Our Community Responds to Violence," quoted from an article on MassLive.com, the flags are an interfaith project to highlight that we need peace in our own backyard which will in turn help lead to peace in the wider world.

We are invited to a celebration of peace at the South Congregational Church, 45 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, on November 17, 3-4PM. Telephone 413-732-0117 for more information. Hope to see you all there.
http://www.masslive.com/living/index.ssf/2013/07/interfaith_council_of_western_massachusetts_offers_prayer_kits_to_interested_groups_for_public_art_i.html

The ladies and girls of the church are invited to a tea party on Saturday, November 16th from 2-4. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea, cake or cookie and some good conversation. Please feel free to bring a friend or two! Please bring a nonperishable food item for the Indian Orchard Survival Center.

Proverbs 31:20 She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

MOVIE NIGHT



WE BOUGHT A ZOO!

Friday, November 29

6:30

Free admission!

(donations welcome)

This is a fun night for the whole family

Prayer Corner

Please uphold the following in your prayers:



Evelyn Wiley	Evie Meacham
Peg Stearns	Don Haraty
Martha Patullo Wilbur Jenkins	
Judy Ingle	Paul Brooks
Dot Gulbrandson	Julia Winetrout
Horst Fei	Janet Case
Judith Gerrish	Don Samms
Helen Dickinson	Art Burger
Dave Dobles	Wendy Vigurs
Walter & Judy Schwabe	

If you know of anyone who is in need of remembrance or prayers please contact one of the Deacons, Pastor Jan or the Church Office so that their name can be added to our list.

Important update from the Pastoral Search Committee:

As members of the Search Committee, we want to express our continuing gratitude for the trust you have placed in us. We have been working closely with Rev. Jill Graham, our UCC Associate Conference Minister, and Rev. Heidi Chamberland, our United Methodist District Superintendent.

The entire Search and Call process has been outlined in open church meetings and in newsletters; at this time, we would like to share with you where we currently are in this process:

1. **UCC Candidates:** Persons who have been authorized to complete a UCC Ministerial Profile have been submitting profiles for our committee through the Conference/Association office. The Ministerial Profile includes information about the candidate's educational background, experience, a detailed faith statement, eight written references, a background check form, and a criminal background check.

UMeth. Candidates are referred by Rev. Heidi Chamberland after prayerful consideration with her committee.

2. As a group, we review, discuss, and pray about all candidates. We follow up with persons in whom we have particular interest. *These are persons who seem to fit well with our church's "personality" and faith vision, as revealed through our visioning meetings, church survey, and ongoing conversations within our church family.*

The follow up for UCC candidates includes telephone reference checks, telephone interviews, and reviewing a candidate's sermon tapes, sermon postings on the internet, as well as the website, Facebook page, and newsletters of their particular churches. Many candidates have their own websites, Facebook pages, and/or blogs, affording us a clearer understanding of the theology, ministry, and personality of each candidate.

While pursuing these steps, we also continue to evaluate new Ministerial Profiles.

3. At this point, we have selected a small number of UCC candidates for personal interviews, and have forwarded our Church Profile to them.

Following these interviews, we will make arrangements for our Search Committee members to worship with each individual in a "neutral pulpit", a church setting arranged by our Conference/Association office.

4. We will invite one or two candidates back for second interviews, following which we will seek God's guidance and prayerfully make a decision on a candidate.

5. If the candidate we recommend chooses to accept, compensation arrangements will be clarified, and a date for a "candidating Sunday" will be established.

6. You will have an opportunity to meet the candidate (and family) that weekend in an informal setting as well as the formal worship service in which the candidate will preach.

A congregational meeting following the worship service (the candidate will not be there) will offer each member an opportunity to ask questions of the Search Committee, and to vote on the Call to our new pastor.

We are grateful during this time for the faithful interim leadership of Pastor Jan.

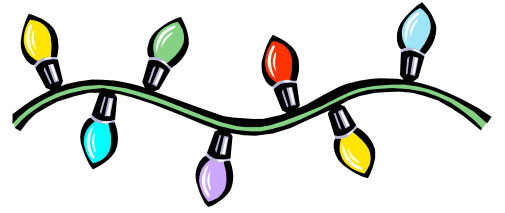
We profoundly trust that God will guide both our candidates and the members of our Search Committee. We ask you to pray for us regularly.

We are blessed with a wonderful church community; with hard work and God's guidance, we will be blessed with a wonderful pastor to guide us as we minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Karen Gatchell, Chair of the Search Committee, Matt Fisher, Linda Hornig, Janet Modlish, Nancy Nelson, Kieran O'Brien, Dave Spencer

Craft Fair

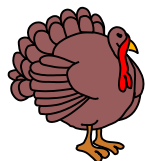


December 5th 8-2 pm
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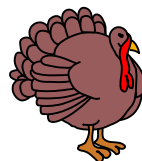
Come join us for a day of fun and shopping!
Crafters; including handmade items and more
Bake Sale * Gift Wrapping

There will be a Pancake Breakfast with Santa
From 8-10 am
And there will be Soup available for lunch.

Questions about Booth Space and the Bazaar, Please contact
Laurie at 364-8322 or Kristi 374-8742
e-mail: mysticalamour@gmail.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 Worship, Communion Sunday School, Nursery 11:30 Missions Mtg.	4 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	5 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	6 11:00 Prayer Group	7 7:00 Choir	8	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Meat Pie Supper
10 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:30 Deacons Mtg	11 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	12 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	13 11:00 Prayer Group	14 11:30 Ladies Aid Thanksgiving Lunch 7:00 Choir	15	16 2:00 Tea Party
17 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery Stewardship Sunday	18 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	19 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 AA Anniversary	20	21 7:00 Choir	22 6:30 Movie Nite	23 8:00 Men's Breakfast
24 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:30 Thanksgiving Soup	25 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	26 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	27 11:00 Prayer Group	28  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	29	30

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<u>Pastor</u>	Rev. Dr. Jan Burdewik
<u>Organist/Choir Director</u>	Barbara Bennett
<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	Joyce Ogonowski

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Federated Community Church of Hampden is to unite as one body the followers of Jesus Christ in the worship of God and to make God's will dominant in the lives of all people. This will be done by following our church covenant, and through this mission build a firm foundation that will morally support not only this generation but generations yet to come.

Worship Schedule

Worship: 10 am - Sunday School: 10 am

Sunday, Nov 3rd 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Isaiah 1:10-18
Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, Nov 10th 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, Nov 17th 26th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, Nov 24th Reign of Christ
Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Collations 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43