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From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 119:103 *How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

Oh, how we tasted the sweetness of the Lord at our Annual Meetings! The hospitality and fellowship that preceded the meeting was followed by rich and savory conversation about the state of our church. I was particularly moved by our "cupcake conversations." For those of you who were not in attendance, these were reflections from the gathered body about ministries that have filled your soul in the past year and, dreaming about what we'd like to be tasting by this time next year. There was a LOT to be thankful for and a LOT to be grateful for in advance.

Below is a list of the spiritual treats we've experienced and the sweetness yet to come. If you have any ministries that should be added to this list, please send them on via snail mail, email, or drop them in the offering plate on Sunday morning. As I told the Board of Directors after the Annual Meetings, "these are our orders for the coming year. We need to take these assets and dreams seriously and attend to them prayerfully. If this is what the congregation hungers for, let's feed them to the best of our ability." Faith, Food, and Fun abound...let us put on our aprons and taste the sweetness of the Lord, "*sweeter than honey to my mouth!*"

Peace, Todd



The Sweetness of the Past Year



The Sweetness we Hope to Taste in the Coming Year

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! --Psalm 119:103

Why do I Give \$ to FCC?

“Why do I give? When I take a moment to consider the countless blessings I have experienced through my 25 year relationship with FCC, I am humbled and ashamed that I cannot give more. I don't have a lot, by worldly standards of wealth, but I have a cozy home, a loving family, a good job, good friends, and a good life. There isn't enough money to repay my church family for the love and support they have consistently shown to me and my family, but I do as much as I can to help ensure that our church will continue to have the means to sustain all of the ministries that make FCC a beacon of Christ's light and love, for us and our world community. Giving is my ‘thank-you’ to God.” Linda Hornig

“God has blessed me in so many ways: sharing in my joys, guiding and comforting me in difficult times, and always providing what I need, even when I thought I couldn't do it. Giving to my church to support our wonderful ministries is one way I can praise God and give thanks for God's unfailing grace in my life.”

Carol Darnley

As we approach our **Stewardship Commitment Celebration on November 2nd**, we pray you, too, will meditate on what your giving means to you and to your church.

Blessings, *Your Finance Committee*

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

Video Ministry

The Sunday services are being videoed each week. Watch them on the Wilbraham/Hampden Public Access Channel 5 at 7:00pm Saturday evening. If you miss that you can watch it on your computer going to video on demand by using <http://tinyurl.com/fedtv1>. Go to playlist on the right, scroll down to the bottom, select Religious and look for Hampden Federated Church.

Flowers

November 30th and December 14th are open if anyone would like to have flowers on the altar – the cost is \$25. Please contact Regina Germain @ 566-3933.

FROM THE DEACONS' BENCH

Over the years I have seen how our congregation works together to reach out to each other in support or to celebrate as a church family. We are always there whether for someone in the community, a friend or even worldwide through our Mission support.

Pastor Todd spoke a few weeks ago about being on Gods Team and how important it is for the church as a whole to recognize how we fit in to the team.

We all play a key role in our church in spreading the good news. We can do this every day of our lives by the way we present ourselves to others and the things we do throughout our daily lives. One does not have to have an outward skill of making a tangible item that people rave over, but rather just being a good person, working with others in such a way that you are extending the hand of fellowship.

During the past few months we should be very proud of the events that we have been involved in and the programs that have been made available to the community.

As we go through our busy lives, just stop for one moment each day, and take stock of how you have made someone else's day a better one and build upon that each day. The results will be that Gods Team will continue to grow every day of our lives.

Deacon, Frank Watson

HAPPY Birthdays!

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

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

Christmas Cantata

Anyone interested in singing with the choir for the Christmas Cantata on December 21st please contact Barbara Bennett for more information. All are welcome

to join. You don't need to make a long term commitment.



Sunday School Birthdays

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

Thanksgiving Soup

The children and youth of the Sunday School will again come together to make and share Thanksgiving soup on Sunday November 23rd. To continue this wonderful tradition we need the following donations. Please drop them off in the church kitchen early on Saturday, November 22nd. 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)	

This is always a time to remember all that we're thankful for in our Church Family. Soup will be delivered to shut-ins Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to all that contribute to this meal. It is so appreciated.

Have you had *The Conversation*?

It's not easy to talk about how you want the end of your life to be. But it's one of the most important conversations you can have with your loved ones.

Over the course of two nights in November, the Federated Community Church will help you get your thoughts together and then have the conversation with family or friends.

Utilizing materials from www.theconversationproject.org this program is open to the public.

Part 1: Get Ready and Get Set will take place on Monday, November 10 at 6:30pm.

Part 2: Go and Keep Going will take place on Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm.

This isn't about filling out Advance Directives or other medical forms. It's about talking to your loved ones about what you or they want for end-of-life care. It's about finding peace before the storm.

NOVEMBER is NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Help us raise awareness and support our Initials Inc. Fundraising Party

November 9th, 2pm. Libby Hall
at the Federated Church.

Please support Kristi Tessier by attending her Initials, Inc. party or ordering online at [http://www.myinitials-inc.com/BAGSBYMGARDNER/under "My Events"](http://www.myinitials-inc.com/BAGSBYMGARDNER/under%20My%20Events) you will find a link to the party. \$5 from the sale of each Your Best Life (YBL) case will be donated to **Maryann's Kids Fund**, a local foster care organization, plus Initials, Inc. automatically donates \$5 towards to their **iCare Foundation** that supports Bethany NOW(No One Without), a Christian Adoption campaign to find forever families for children in foster care.

Missions

The Ebola epidemic in Western Africa is very much in our thoughts. I'm sure we'll be hearing how our church related hospitals, clinics, schools and their staff are involved in trying to control the disease. I'm sure that the UMCOR will be asking for help as they did on "Beating Malaria one household at a time."

Those of us visiting the Rutland, MA Heifer Project Farm saw replicas of furnished houses of countries where animals and food crops are being raised to improve family health and income. In two of the African homes we saw mosquito netting suspended over and around the sleeping sites. It reminded many of us of the generous (\$1500) contributions of our church to supply the insecticide treated netting that prevents the female anopheles from biting sleeping people. The Imagine No Malaria project has since 2013 distributed 1.2 million treated nets across Africa. (over 136 million nets from the World Health Organization overall.) The UMC hopes to raise \$75 million by 2015 to continue training villagers to teach their neighbors that evil spirits or certain fruits do not cause Malaria and how to control it.

Our church is very generous in supporting projects to help others in need here in W. Mass and beyond to countries in need.

Your Missions Committee will let you know if and when we can help in the present crisis.

Wilbraham/Hampden Crop Walk

November 2nd @ 1:00pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 758 Main St. Wilbraham, MA



MEAT PIE SUPPER
AT
FEDERATED COMMUNITY CHURCH

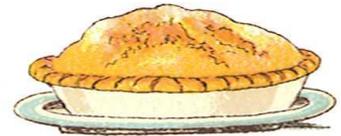
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Hampden, MA

Saturday, November 15, 2014

6:00 PM

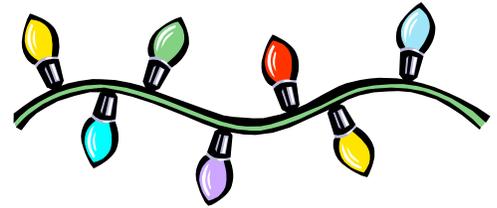
Menu

French Meat Pie
Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Dessert
Beverages



Adults \$10 – Children under 12 \$5
Please call Church Office
For reservations by November 12th
at 566-3711

Craft Fair

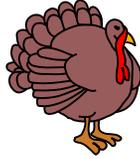


December 6th 8-2 pm
Federated Community Church
590 Main St., Hampden, MA

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



November 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 Worship, Communion Sunday School, Nursery Stewardship Sunday 1:00 Crop Walk	3 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	4 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	5 11:00 Prayer Group	6 7:00 Choir	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast
9 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	10 5:30 Pot Luck/Study The Conversation Pt 1	11 8-9:30 Veterans Breakfast At FCC 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA 6:30 Deacons Mtg	12 11:00 Prayer Group 6:30 CE Mtg.	13 11:30 Ladies Aid Thanksgiving Lunch 7:00 Choir	14	15 6:00 Meat Pie Dinner
16 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 12:00 Confirmation	17 5:30 Pot Luck/Study The conversation Pt 2	18 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 AA Anniversary	19 11:00 Prayer Group	20 7:00 Choir	21	22 8:00 Men's Breakfast
23 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:30 Thanksgiving Soup	24 5:30 Pot Luck/Study 7:00 BOD	25 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	26 11:00 Prayer Group	27  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	28	29
30 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery "Hanging of the Greens"						

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Church Staff

<u>Pastor</u>	Rev. Todd Farnsworth
<u>Organist/Choir Director</u>	Barbara Bennett
<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	Joyce Ogonowski
<u>Christian Ed Directors</u>	Laurie Schoolcraft Kristi Tessier

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 2nd 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Joshua 3:7-17
I Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, Nov 9th 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, Nov 16th 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Judges 4:1-7
I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, Nov 23rd 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, Nov 30th 1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9
I Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37