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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Let's Dream Together

“This is my Father’s world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world, I rest me in the thought  
Of Rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand the wonders  
wrought.”

• *This is My Father’s World*, CEL #143

The world changes the color with the foliage so beautifully. As we are approaching the end of the year, even nature seems like praising the Lord in their way. Looking back this year, what would you praise the Lord for? What are you thankful for?

Personally, I am thankful to God for the ministry here at Federated Community Church. Early this year, I met the transition team and started serving the Lord with you in July. This is my first time living apart from my family. Not easy, but I think I can survive. The joy of working with faithful servants of God is much bigger than whatever difficulties I have.

Thinking about our church, I am grateful to see people coming and returning to God. For it is the sign that God trusts us to take care of the souls. Sunday attendance is growing. Our giving is increasing. We start or resume ministries: Children’s ministry support,

Welcoming ministry, and Prayer ministry, along with our ongoing ministries. We see our children to become sincere worshippers. This is great joy and the reason for Thanksgiving.

And now we are dreaming for the next year. We would like to have a dynamic Children's ministry, develop strong lay leadership/servants, and empower outreach ministries. However, it is possible only when we all have the same hope and passion. We can bring our vision to life only when we gather our hearts and minds. I firmly believe that God will make it happen when He is pleased with our hearts and unity. He will move our hearts to do His will and provide whatever is needed for His Kingdom.

Let's give thanks to God. Let's praise for what He has done for us. And Let's dream together for what God is going to do through us.

Pastor Kwan Kim

The word "Thankful" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. It is decorated with three autumn leaves: a red maple leaf on the left, a single orange leaf above the 'h', and a cluster of yellow and orange leaves on the right.

## *From the Deacons' Bench*

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!" "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

Submitted by Bruce Libby



## *November Birthdays*

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



Heather Sterling	11/01	Alicia Hummel	11/18
Eva Becker	11/04	Beverly Barrett	11/18
William Haley	11/04	Sean Lee	11/19
Nancy Willoughby	11/05	Jeanne Regnier	11/19
Caleb Becker	11/06	Diane Fisher	11/20
Jeremy Tessier	11/09	William Cunningham	11/21
Earl Schofield Jr	11/10	Todd Kane	11/21
Journe Germain	11/11	Meredith Sullivan	11/22
Lisa Chaffee	11/11	David Spencer	11/23
Nathan Varney	11/12	Walter Bliss	11/25
Cheryl Fonda	11/15	Lynn Cunningham	11/26
Anthony Tulloch	11/16	David Hutchison	11/26
Carol Quinlivan	11/17	James Morini	11/30
Dawn McKeone	11/17		

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

David & Kathleen Hutchinson	11/04
Anthony & Pamela Rogers	11/14
David & Karen Anable	11/23
Geraldine & John Spear	11/26

*Congratulations*



## *Prayer Corner*



Phyllis Watson  
Bonnie Watson  
Karen Kielb  
Evie Meacham  
Gail Banning  
Lois Pixley  
Cheryl Joley  
Dennis Connor  
Andrew  
Carl  
Earl  
Rory

Bobby Schofield & family  
Joanna  
Connie  
Ellen  
Karen  
Peter  
Jacob  
Howard  
Ryan  
David  
Matt

For World Peace  
For victims & families of mass shootings  
For the people of Israel & Palestine  
For those affected by hurricanes  
For the people of Hawaii  
For the people of Ukraine  
For those traveling  
For those affected by floods and fires  
For those battling cancer  
For those struggling with addiction or mental illness  
For those that grieve the loss of loved ones  
For those impacted by weather disasters  
For the changing climate  
For our country  
For all world leaders  
For shut-ins and those who are isolated  
For the homeless  
For Asian & Black people & all who are persecuted for simply being  
how God created them  
For transitions within our church

## *Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

During our Homecoming weekend, donations to Catie's Closet were collected from our church and community. Catie's Closet is opening doors to a brighter future for students in-need with life-changing access to clothing and basic necessities within their own school buildings. They were very grateful for the nine bags of new and gently used clothing, the three large tubs of personal care products and the tub of new school supplies that were dropped off last month.

Thank you to all who participated in this new "Connecting in the Spirit" community outreach project!

Janet Libby



## *An Invitation to All!*

Please join us, after worship, on Sunday, November 19th for our traditional Thanksgiving Turkey Soup Lunch! This is in celebration of the completion of our Pledge Drive for next year.



Several folks have signed up to help, but check in with Pamela Rogers or Penny Dibble next Sunday to see if any items are still needed. Helping hands may be needed the Saturday before, on the 18<sup>th</sup> to roast the turkeys and to make the broth.

Plan to stay a few minutes after your lunch to make an ornament to place on our Chrismon tree in the Sanctuary!

# *Bringing our Vision to Life!*

We are halfway through our pledge drive for 2024 and I'd like to thank all those who have sent in their pledges of support. The pledge cards will still be in the pews for the next three Sundays, but we will also send out cards to those enjoying our service from home.

We see the spirit that is growing in our church and we celebrate with our new and returning members. Please remember that we are making a pledge for the entire year, do not feel this is something that needs to be "paid in full" at this time. We do ask, if possible, to increase your pledge since we have been using the principle funds from former donors to supplement our budget that is not being met by our current members.

One former donor, Lucetta Howlett gave through her will in 1884. We are still benefiting from her cash donation which supports our Sunday school program and our pastor's salary. She also donated the bell that rings in our steeple!

As we plan for the future, please consider how you will give generously of your prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Thank you! Janet Libby



## *Giving Tree*

Looking ahead – the Missions Committee will be collecting Christmas gifts for

children in need. We will be donating them to the Springfield Partners for Community Action and will be serving 65 low-income families. Please take an ornament from the tree with an item on it and return gifts unwrapped by December 15<sup>th</sup>.



# *Honoring Native Americans*

In conjunction with the “Thanksgiving Soup” luncheon on November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Missions Committee would like to honor the Native American Wampanoag Tribes of Cape Cod.

When the pilgrims landed in Plymouth, they taught them how to plant corn, to fish, and have an abundant harvest. Your donations to the Child & Family Service Kinship Navigator Program will help provide information, education and services for grandparents and relatives that assist tribal families with challenges in the society we live in.

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**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Knit, Stitch, Pray 7:00 PM Spiritual Healing Touch	2	3 6:00 PM Game Night 7:30 PM AA	4
5 10:00 AM Worship	6 10:30 AM Line Dancing	7 10:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM AA 6:00 PM Bells	8 10:30 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Knit, Stitch, Pray 7:00 PM Spiritual Healing Touch	9	10 7:30 PM AA	11 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
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26 10:00 AM Worship	27 10:30 AM Line Dancing 6:30 PM By-Laws Meeting	28 10:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM Bells 6:00 PM AA	29	30		



