



Parish Visitor

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November 2024

Friends,

There will be a lot going on in November, as usual. Starting on the 3rd, we will remember friends and loved ones who have died over the past year, as we observe All Saints Sunday. As in past years, the names of Saints and friends of the First Congregational Church of Walpole will be read aloud in the Communion liturgy, during the prayer of consecration. The Communion of the Saints is an ancient Christian belief that underscores our everlasting relationship with every member of the Church in all times and places. Whether we live, or whether we die, we remain one in mystical communion in the Body of Christ. If you would like the name(s) of loved ones included, please contact the church office by noon, October 29.

Our annual Veterans Service honors the men and women who served our country in the military. As before, the worship service will be organized around poetry written by veterans of various American wars. We focus on the voices of those who fought and faced the grim realities of war on our behalf. We recognize the tragedy of war without glorifying it, as we honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

Those are some of the highlights in worship. There is also the Mistletoe Mart, the Thanksgiving Pie Sale AND MORE!

In Christ,
Richard Malmberg

Walpole Community Giving Tree Project

The Walpole Community Giving Tree Project is getting underway again for the 2024 holiday season. This project helps families provide holiday gifts for their children aged birth-18 (or older if still in high school). Participating families must be residents of the Walpole township (Walpole, North Walpole, and Drewsville). PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: From **NOVEMBER 4-22 only**, tags will be available at the following locations during their regular business hours: River Valley Church, First Congregational Church (go to back door by ramp), St. John's Church, St. Peter's Church, the Walpole Library, Spencer's Place, The Hungry Diner, Savings Bank of Walpole on Westminster St, and Mascoma Bank. UNWRAPPED gifts should be returned to any of these same locations no later than November 30th; you do not have to return your gift to the same location where you took a tag. This is a wonderful project that helps to brighten the holiday season for many of our local families, and we appreciate everyone's help! If you have any questions, you may contact us at weilcloues8808@gmail.com. Happy holidays to you and yours! Please stay safe and healthy! Jeanne Cloues and Marcia Weil, project organizers

NOTE: You may also mail donations directly to us at 192 Upper Walpole Road, Walpole, 03608. Please make checks payable to Jeanne Cloues and put "Giving Tree" in the memo line. Marcia and Jeanne.

November Senior Luncheon November 18, 2024, 12:00-1:00pm

There will be a great program about home health care and Hospice care. Learn the ins and outs, when and how to apply for needed assistance prior to an emergency. Great speakers, handouts, slide show and Q & A.

Mark your calendar, join the potluck luncheon and enjoy this informational program.

Hope to see you all there.

Minna Good

THANKSGIVING DRIVE-BY FOOD COLLECTION

Saturday, November 16
10 am to 12:30 pm

First Congregational Church

Drive by the church and drop off items for a Thanksgiving dinner to be distributed by the Fall Mt. Food Pantry!

Examples: stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, squash, potatoes, gravy

CROP Walk Thank You!!

Thank you to all who donated and/or walked in the CROP Walk on October 12. It was a beautiful fall day. We had 33 walkers, and we raised \$12,307! One quarter of that money will go to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

Our church, with the Unitarian Church and the Episcopal Church, came together to make this important fundraiser a success - building a world where there is enough for all!
Thank you again!

Library News

Our library received two books from Bob Rhodes this fall.

The first book is called **WORRY** written by Edward M. Hallowell, MD. Dr.

Hallowell wrote this book to focus on the many forms of worry (both destructive and productive.)

Their underlining causes, and how these patterns of thought and behavior can be changed.

The second book is called **THE SON OF MY FATHER** by John W. Waters PHD.

This is the memoir of a preaching minister/educator. As a sickly child, he was not expected to live past 5 years old, he defied all odds. He earned top

grades and graduated at the top of his high school class.

He taught at higher education institutions. He became a minister and has received many honors and awards throughout his life for his community and religious service. Thank you, Bob.
Peace,
Judy

Anniversaries in November

Tom and Chris Miller	November 3
Tom and Christie Winmill	November 23

Birthdays in November

Betty Prentiss	November 2
Mark Lightner	November 5
Gwen Yardley	November 9
Dave Ramsey	November 15
Nancy Sloan	November 20
Dale Woodward	November 22

Calling All Bakers

Pat and I have been asked to organize the food table for this year's Mistletoe Mart, scheduled for November 23rd. We are seeking **baked goods** for the food table. Please reach out if you're able to help. Some suggestions: **cakes, bread, cookies and bars**. Please package cookies, bars and small items to sell by the dozen.
Thank you.

Ann Looney and Pat Kingsbury

Missions



We had a lovely service for Ukama Sunday. Ellie Shaw did a great job decorating the altar with wooden animals and an African painting. There was African music and a special offering to support drought relief in Zimbabwe.

The “Neighbors in Need” offering brought in \$244 from the congregation. Missions will round the amount up to \$300. We will also be sending \$250 to NHC-UCC for their Hurricane Relief request.

The Thanksgiving Food Donation Drive-by will take place at the church on **Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.** Items for Thanksgiving dinner requested: canned goods, potatoes, squash, onions, stuffing. Monetary donations gladly accepted; checks should be made payable to The Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

The November Food Shelf offering is November 17.

Jane Malmberg



Final Mistletoe Mart Craft Night

The final Mistletoe Craft Night will be **Sunday, November 3, 2024, 5pm.** Many thanks to Kim Anderson for her work and effort for our **Mistletoe Mart** on November 23, 2024.



Trustees

Thanksgiving Pie Sale! November 27th! Put it on your calendar! Bake for the Trustees! Buy a pie! Or two! Please thank you.

- The siding project on back of church may be delayed until spring.
- Fall Clean up: No date set due to conflicts. Cleanup suggestions will be posted in Fellowship Hall. If there is a chore you'd like to undertake, put your name beside it and solicit help if needed. Thank you!
- Church signs: The Trustees are working with the Church Council on two sign projects to improve our image to the public.
- - Route 12 and South Street Road sign. A sign, like the Episcopal sign, will be placed on the north side of south street.
- - The second sign project is for new sandwich board signs to replace our old signs to advertise the events of the Church.

That's all,
Dale

Deacons

Happy Fall from your Deacons!

In October the Deacons helped to co-host the Blessing of the Animals with the Episcopal Church on October 6th. There was a wonderful turnout and Chuck Shaw, DVM, was there to add support!

We were honored to assist the Kingsbury family as they said good-bye to Martha Kingsbury on October 9th.

The Deacons sent a check to the Walpole Schools in the amount of \$350 to help with the school lunch program.

November 3rd is All Saints Sunday. The names of our church members who have passed this year will be read during the communion liturgy. Please let Jane Vesper or a deacon know if you would like to have a family member's name read.

November 10th is Veteran's Sunday. This is always an emotional service. The deacons will read poems/letters that pastor Richard has chosen to honor those who have served our country. We will read the names of members of the church family who have served and the names of veterans who have a connection to a church member. We will repeat the names that we have read for the past several years. If you would like to add a name to the list, please contact Jane V. or a deacon.

The deacon of the month for November is Mike Brodeur. This is Mike's first year as a deacon, and he has been a WONDERFUL addition to our "deacon family"! 😊

Becky Pearson
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MISTLETOE MART

Saturday **NOVEMBER 23rd**
9 am. to 2 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
on the common
WALPOLE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

~ coffee time ~ luncheon ~ candy ~ baked goods ~

~ crafts ~ white elephants ~ gifts ~ trims ~

Luncheon 11:30 - 2:00

~ Handicap Accessible ~

Church Calendar November 2024

Saturday, November 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night.	
Sunday, November 3	All Saints Worship Service w/ communion in the sanctuary and on zoom	10:00 am
Sunday, November 3	Final Mistletoe Mart Craft Night in Fellowship Hall	5 pm
Monday, November 4	Giving Tree Tags available in Fellowship Hall	
Wednesday, November 6	Bible Study on Zoom	4-5 pm
Sunday, November 10	Veterans Sunday Worship Service in the sanctuary and on Zoom	10:00 am
Wednesday, November 13	Bible Study on Zoom	4-5 pm
Saturday, November 16	Church Council in Fellowship Hall	8:30 am
Saturday, November 16	Missions Drive by Thanksgiving Food Drive	10:00 am-12:30 pm
Monday, November 18	Seniors Luncheon and Home Health Care, Hospice Care Info. Meeting	12 noon
Saturday, November 23	Mistletoe Mart	9 am -2 pm
Sunday, November 24	Sunday Worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom	10:00 am
Wednesday, November 27	Trustees Pie Sale and other goodies at the Post Office	9 am till sold out
Thursday, November 28	THANKSGIVING	
Friday, November 20	Church office is closed	
Friday, November 22nd	Parish Visitor Deadline	
Church Office Hours:	M-F 9 am – 12 pm	



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