

November Link

“Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” Thessalonians 5:17-18

We all know of the story of the celebration of a first harvest in 1620 for a small group of pilgrims. They were the few who had survived the first season in a new harsh land that they knew too little about. And now they had a first harvest and food to eat.

The part that we forget is the timing of this celebration. It is late fall and they were about to face another winter. They were better equipped for this second season, mostly due to the kindness of Indigenous People, but they still did not comprehend what the next harsh winter would bring. They must have anticipated losing even more of their group in the winter to come.

And yet, they offered prayers of thanks to God: not prayers of petition, not prayers anchored in fear, but prayers of gratitude.

The Pilgrims knew the safest place to stand in the storm was in the presence of God. They knew that God was the source of their blessings, and they kept their promises to God and gave thanks.

Gratitude was as important to their well-being as the food on the table. It kept their souls refreshed and full of joy. We will experience Thanksgiving and the peace that surpasses understanding when we focus on God. In every circumstance, we will stand safe, calm, and full of gratitude when we focus on and trust in God. God’s anchor holds, always.

Secondly, for true Thanksgiving to take place in our souls we need to be aware of the needs of others. Not everyone is as fortunate this Thanksgiving season as you and I. If we are truly to experience the joy of this season, we need to remember the needs of others. Our Thanksgiving will not ring true if we do not care for others.

We have the opportunity to spread God’s blessing this season in Barkhamsted and Winsted. Consider as you shop for your dinner, adding an item or two to bring to church. Our table in the narthex will be overflowing with gifts for others and our hearts will be overflowing with gratitude.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Barbara

CHORUS ANGELICUS & GAUDEAMUS

THE ACCLAIMED CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL PERFORM
A CONCERT OF THANKSGIVING
Featuring classical and contemporary music

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 4 P.M.
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH—PINE MEADOW
51 CHURCH STREET, NEW HARTFORD



Tickets--\$20. Children 12 and under FREE

For reservations, call (860) 379-3062.

Walk-ins welcome.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the wonderful gift cards that you gave to me for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. It was a humbling surprise and well appreciated! I cannot express how very much I love all of you. It is a blessing to be with you in ministry and I know in this the next year, we will grow together in faith and love of God.

Pastor Barbara



Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference will take place on Sunday, November 6th at 2 PM at Simsbury United Methodist Church. All are encouraged to attend, especially leaders. We will be celebrating together with the churches from our Northwest Cooperative Parish and Hartford Cooperative Parish. If you have a report for the Conference, please send it to the office ASAP for inclusion in the Conference.



Hymnals and Bibles

Since we have joined our two churches together, we have an excess of Hymnals and Bibles. We have taken care to ensure that those books that are dedicated to loved ones are located in the pews. But there are many others available to take home, if you wish, in boxes in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home. We are also searching for churches that may need the extras.



All Saints Day

We will be celebrating the lives of those we lost this past year on Sunday, November 6th. There will also be an opportunity for anyone who desires to honor a loved one who has passed by lighting a small candle.

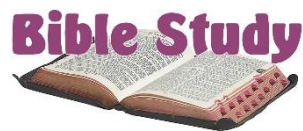


Pledge Campaign

In the first week of November, you will receive a request to pledge your gifts and resources to the church. It is important for planning for us to anticipate what we may expect in contributions of gifts and talents.

If do not receive a letter, let the office know. Especially, with new folks, as we may not have updated information.

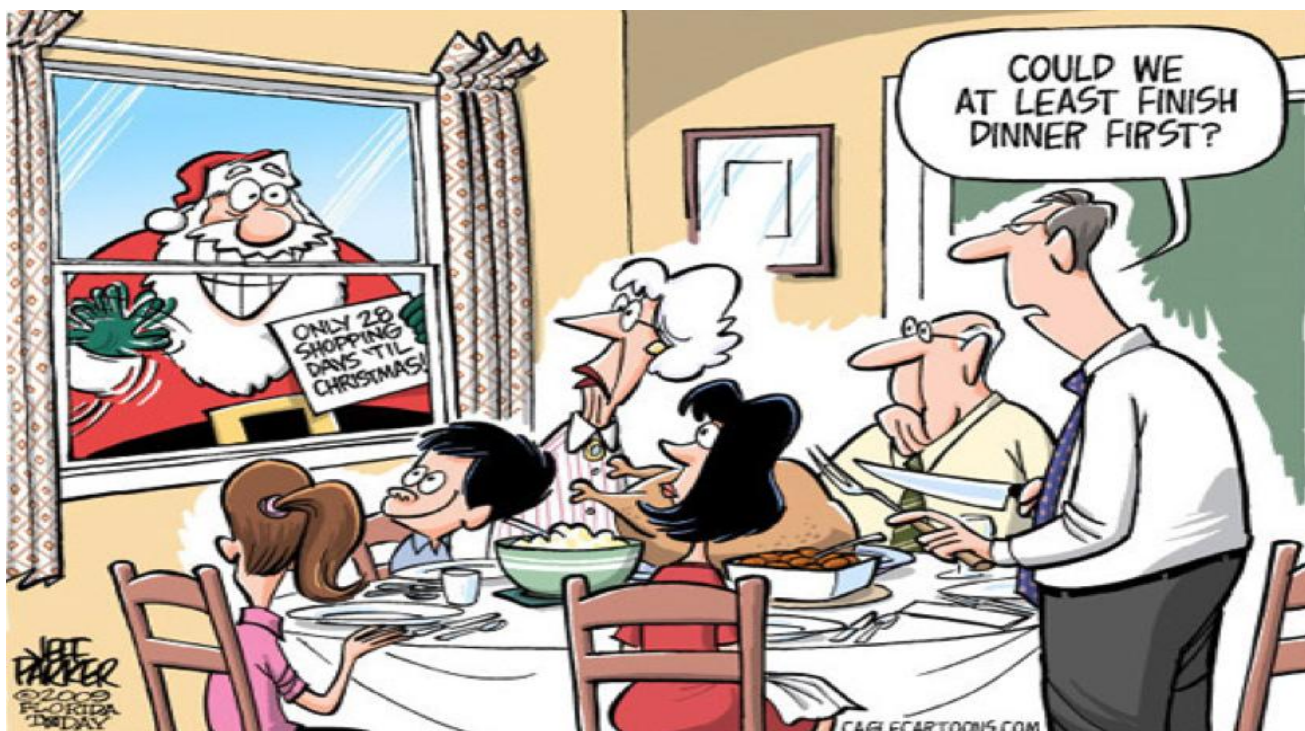
Please prayerfully consider what you are able to offer to the growth of our church so we may best serve our communities.



Bible Classes

We have two opportunities for gathering together in learning. On each Tuesday we have a prayer meeting using meditations from the Upper Room for discussion. We gather at 10:00 AM and we encourage everyone to attend.

And beginning Wednesday, November 2nd, we will meet, also at 10:00 AM to continue a Bible Study that began in Winsted. The study covered the complete Bible. We are now on the epistle of 1 John. All are welcomed, if you have been in the class from the beginning or are new.





Autumn greeting!

We are starting to plan our second Silent Auction/bake sale. Last year was our first event profiting over \$1,200. The proceeds from the Holiday event will go to the church budget which includes operating and program expenses, plus, it helps support many local and global missions. As you may know, our church, Pleasant Valley United Methodist is an essential part of the community supporting numerous community organizations in the Barkhamsted and Winsted area. For two years many churches and organizations were forced to cancel fundraisers since the pandemic began. Thankfully people are starting to feel more comfortable returning to small events, therefore, we need items and gift card donations to hold a successful silent auction/bake sale. It's the time of year when many are looking for unique and useful items to gift to loved ones or perhaps something to pamper yourself.

How can you help? There are several ways. First and most importantly we need DONATIONS. Will you consider helping us with an item, a basket, or gift card for the auction or a baked good so that we may continue our efforts? What else do we need? We need muscle. We need people to set up tables and display items, we need people to hang posters around business' around towns, bake items for the bake sale, ask friends or business owners that you frequent for donations. Please tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives about the auction and welcome all to visit the event on Dec 3rd 9:30 – 2:00 if your schedule permits!

Let Angela or Ruthie know if you are interested in helping (sign up sheet to follow) and you can start dropping off donations the week of November 20. If you need to contact us, the church email is: pvumc181@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Looking forward to serving with you in fellowship for a successful fundraiser. Included is a list of 'suggestions' for donations.

Warm Regards,

Angela Root & Ruth Roberts
Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Suggestions for DONATIONS

What are people looking for? The possibilities are endless. Some examples:

A large plant or fruit basket Movie tickets

Spa/massage gift card Tickets to a sporting event

Vineyard or brewery gift card Tickets to a museum

Family photo shoot from a local photographer Holiday decoration

Makeover/hair style at local salon Basket with personal care items

Gift card for local restaurant/coffee shop Designer bag

Gift card from Auto Parts store, book store, department store, local grocery store

Wine and cheese basket (**must include an empty bottle** or certificate as wine must be provided off premise)

Man Crate: men's products, snacks/ beef jerky, coasters, sports items, etc.

Garden in a box (a gardening pot that includes a variety of gardening tools, seeds, and succulents or small plant)

Examples of themed basket: Baby basket, rainy day basket (for kids- example puzzle, cards, Play Doh, snacks or candy, etc.), Italian basket (filled with pasta, sauces, Italian cookies, pesto, etc.), Pet lovers basket, Ready for winter basket (shovel, gloves, ice scraper, hot chocolate) just to name a few. Get creative and have fun. Don't think you have much to donate, perhaps go in on a few items with another member and come up with something together.

Do you have a friend that has a small business such as a Mary Kay, Pampered Chef or Tupperware, etc.

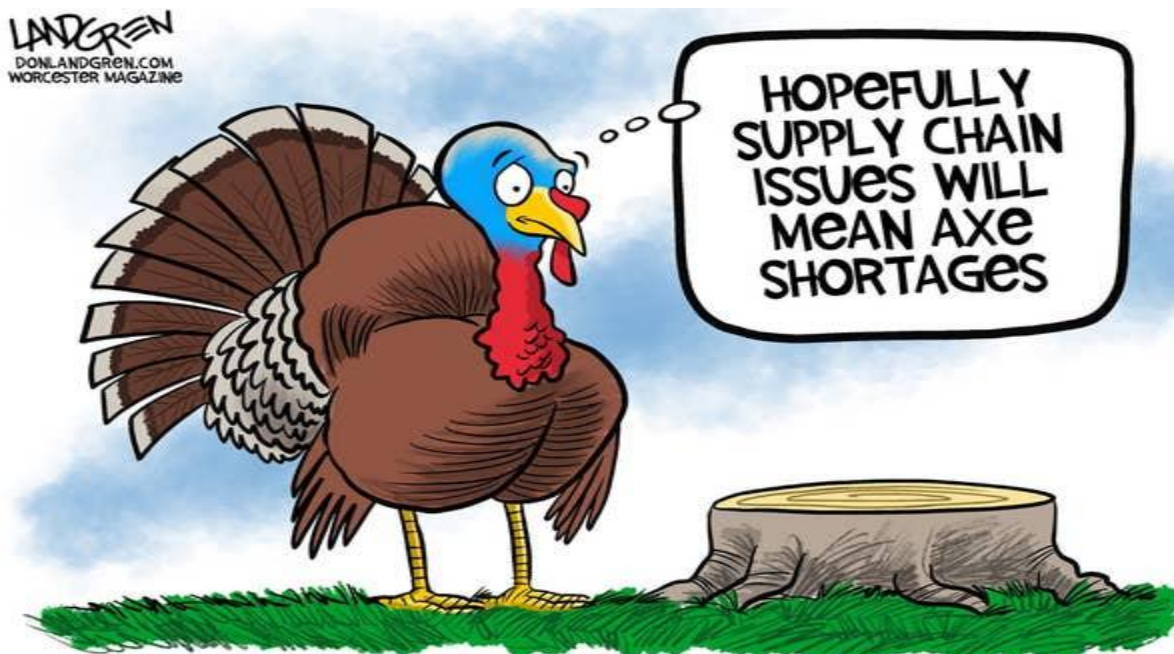
Homemade items: make up a certificate of something you are willing to cook or bake and put a date range on there for the winner to choose

Example: last year I made up certificates for "3 lb of fudge payable between the dates of DecXX – Dec XX, please call to schedule pick-up"

Theme dinner (cook corned beef and cabbage dinner for St Patrick's day, an Italian dinner, a picnic for 4), Platter of Christmas cookies, Birthday cake (let them choose the date), a basket of homemade bread and jam, an hour of wrapping Christmas gifts...the possibilities are endless

**** If you need a donation letter to provide to a business let us know and we can get you a copy**

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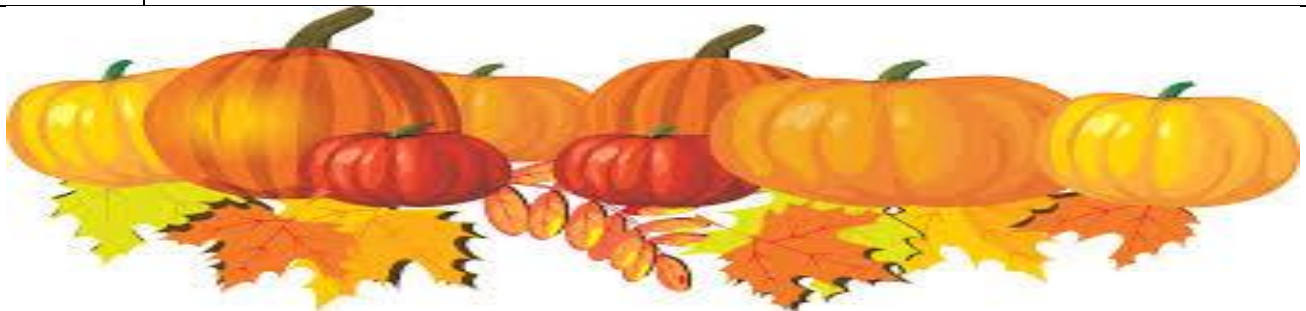
Gospels for November

November 6: Luke 20:27-38
November 13: Luke 21:5-19
November 20: Luke 23:33-43
November 27: Matthew 24:36-44

November Schedule

****We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Barbara at barb_drew@hotmail.com**

November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u> Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed	<u>Ushers</u> Bonnie & Darlene Slater Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Barb & Steve Bailey
November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u> Kathy Loomis Tom Lucas Bonnie Slater Steve Bailey	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Gene & Wendy deRoode Dan Hurley & Judy McKay Cathy Baum Volunteers Needed
November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	<u>Counters</u> Jay LaGrange & Wayne Roberts John Lundy & Barbara Sherwin Wayne Roberts & Bonnie Slater Barbara Sherwin & Barbara Bailey	<u>Children's Message</u>	



****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

November

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
		1 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	2 10:00AM Bible Study	3 6:45PM AA	4	5
6 10:00AM All Saints Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion 2:00PM: Charge Conference 	7 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	8 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	9 10:00AM Bible Study	10 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	11 	12
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November Announcements



We will be filling Thanksgiving Baskets. If you would like to donate, this is a list of items needed. We would need to have your donations in by November 13th.

Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Gravy, Cut Green Beans, Cream of Mushroom Soup, French Fried Onions in a can, Pie Crust mix in a box, Canned Pumpkin, Evaporated Milk, Candy Corn, Pickles, Olives

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital in need of a visit please call either Pastor Barbara or the Church office to schedule a visit. Because of privacy laws, hospitals can no longer give out this information.

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:30AM to 1:00PM, or by appointment.

Church contact info:

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