

November Link

The month of November can seem like a pretty drab, sad month. The summer months give us freedom, warmth, and lots of time to relax, swim, hike, and play. October brings luxurious colors as the sun shines through the trees in clean, robust air. And December will bring glistening snow, blanketing the world in a white, fluffy wonderland.

But poor old November is just drab: leafless trees, rainy, cold days, grey skies. Until, at least, you take a second look. Look at what is revealed when the trees are set bare.

Suddenly, you are able to see into the hills and appreciate the angles and rolls of the terrain. Behind the trees a sparkling lake appears, once hidden behind a thick forest. If you look up, you recognize the grey skies contain huge, fluffy white clouds, and dark filled black clouds each majestic in their own way.

November teaches us that each month, each day, each time contains its own beauty and treasure, if we but look with an attitude of appreciation for the glory of the earth. So, it is befitting that November is the month of gratitude and Thanksgiving.

Sometimes, we only see the drab and dreary in life. But if we look deeper, if we see with new eyes, and feel with new depth, then gratitude will abound. Amid challenges are so many blessings in our lives. Search with open hearts and become overjoyed with all that you have. Give praise for each day, even the dreary ones.

One day of Thanksgiving is simply not enough. So, wake up each day and list at least one thing for which you are grateful. Praise God each day and watch your life change.

In Christ,

Pastor Barbara



CHORUS ANGELICUS & GAUDEAMUS

**THE ACCLAIMED NEW ENGLAND CHILDREN'S CHOIR
WILL PERFORM
A CONCERT OF THANKSGIVING**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 4 P.M.
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH—PINE MEADOW
51 CHURCH STREET, NEW HARTFORD**



**Tickets--\$20. Children 12 & under FREE
For reservations, call (860) 379-3062.
Walk-ins welcome**



Holiday Fair

Pleasant Valley
United Methodist Church

93 River Road, Pleasant Valley

Between the Drive-In movie and the bridge

SAT., DECEMBER 2, 2023

9am ~ 2:00pm

Handmade Crafts

Christmas items

Knit Items

Bake Sale

Filled Baskets

and More!



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Phase 1 of the roof has begun. Thanks to everyone who has donated to this cause. The rest of the roof will be replaced over the next few years.



We are looking for people with some knowledge of landscaping to improve the front of the Church. If you, or someone you know is interested, please let Pastor Barbara know.



Our annual church conference will be held on November 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Simsbury United Methodist Church along with the other churches in our cooperative parish. Hopefully, as many of our parishioners as possible will attend the conference so more voices may be heard. If you have any questions, see Pastor Barbara



On Sunday Nov. 12 after church the Mary-Martha group welcomes Karyn who will bring Ranger a support dog to meet anyone who can spend a half hour to find out about support dogs. Oh, yes Ranger likes to be petted!



Pledge letters are on their way! Thank you for your generosity in the past and please prayerfully consider how you can support our church in the coming year.



Congratulations to Kathy Loomis who completed the course as a Lay Speaker and is now eligible to become a certified Lay Speaker. Kathy will be sharing her ministry with us on November 19th leading worship. Come and support Kathy!



We have several young people who are interested in being confirmed in Christ this spring. Any young persons, 12 years old and up, are eligible. If you are interested, let the office, or Pastor Barbara know, so we can order materials. The classes will be held on Sundays, after church on the first and third Sundays starting in January. The first meeting will be an informational meeting for youngsters and parents.

Gospels for November

November 5: Matthew 5:1-12

November 12: Matthew 25:1-13

November 19: Matthew 25:14-30

November 26: Matthew 25:31-46

November Schedule

November 5 November 12 November 19 November 26	<u>Cleaners</u> Barbara Sherwin Barbara Sherwin Ted Millahn Ted Millahn	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Ushers</u> Barbara Sherwin & Shirley Green Barbara Sherwin & Darlene Slater Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey Steven Shaw & Judy McKay
November 5 November 12 November 19 November 26	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u> Karen Dietz Suzanne Gerber Janet LaGrange Jonah Hurley	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Ruthie Roberts & Jenny Peck Judy McKay & Dan Hurley Sandy & Kathy Volunteers Needed
November 5 November 12 November 19 November 26	<u>Counters</u> Barb Bailey & John Lundy Steve Bailey & Wayne Roberts John Lundy & Barbara Sherwin Wayne Roberts & Barb Bailey	<u>Children's Message</u>	



November

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
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5 10:00AM ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship Service with Holy Communion	6 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	7 10:00AM Prayer Group  8:00PM AA	8	9 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	10	11 9:30AM Community garden clean up day 
12 10:00AM Worship Service 11:15AM Trustees Meeting	13	14 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	15 7:00PM SPRC, Church Leaders and DS meeting	16 4:00 – 9:00PM AA	17	18
19 10:00AM Worship Service 11:30AM Mary & Martha's meeting 2:00PM Charge Conference Simsbury UMC	20	21 10:00AM Prayer Group 2:00 – 4:00pm Food bank by appointment only 8:00PM AA	22	23 6:45PM AA 	24 Noon Concert Set-up	25 Karl Gallmeyher Concert
26 10:00AM Worship Service	27	28 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	29	30 6:45PM AA		

November Announcements

The Food Bank is asking for homemade desserts for their Thanksgiving baskets – pies, cakes, apple crisp, etc. There is a sign-up sheet on the Bessie table in the Narthex. If you wish to donate any of these items, please bring them to Church on November 19th and put them either in the refrigerator in the Food Bank or Parish House. Items can also be dropped off on Tuesday, November 21st by 10:00 AM.

Our Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please let Betty Vignali know if you would like to volunteer to help on that day.

We are looking for people to help count the tithes on Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to be a counter, please contact John Baum. His phone number is 860-413-3158.

If you know of someone who is not getting the Link but would like to, please contact Re with their information and email address so they can be added to the list. If they don't have access to emails, just give us their mailing address and we will mail it out to them. We will also leave a few copies on the Bessie table.

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.

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