

Old South Church

United Church of Christ

November 2017 Telstar

Rooted in faith, Growing in love, reaching for justice

A Message from Pastor Linda Hatch

Making my way between Farmington and home in Ellsworth is bright and beautiful of late. It is the color of fall against blue, clear skies. I appreciate this part of fall with its warmth and just a hint of cooler air to come. Watching leaves fall without any breeze blowing them, I think about how they leave the very places on the trees where new growth and the seeds of fruitfulness will come. As they let go, the tree is very much alive but in a quieter place with bare limbs showing their true shape, grace, and broken places.

The church has moved through its transition, congregational conversations, and now enters a time when the Transition Team will pull together the Church Profile. The profile requests that the work come out of many voices as this one will because of the conversations. The questions and your responses connect honestly into the profile subjects and questions.

When the Church Profile and the Position Posting are done and out, it is a bit like a seed going into the ground. There is a time of quiet waiting and tending of all that work coming out of the church's visioning process, decisions, capital campaign, and accessibility projects, which have begun. But also, a tending of what is needed here for the new settled pastor to come into. And that is an ever coming together as a congregation in renewed closeness and spirit.

There is a business to the church in the fall as things start up. There is now a prayer circle meeting at 12:30 on Wednesdays in the Holman Mission House meeting room. This is especially needed in the quieter, waiting time of transition, as well as in this anxious and troubled time in which we live. The poet David Whyte says of the seed in darkness, "the first leaves/ like hands in prayer/ (are) clasped inside the seed."

We put together the Church Profile but we tend the ground of that with word, prayer, song, and fellowship, which ever renews a closeness that depends on God to reveal what we cannot yet see.

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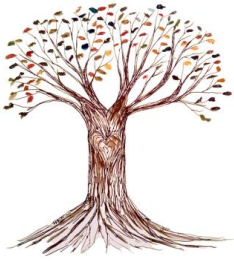
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*No matter who you are
or where you are on
life's journey,
you are welcome here.*



We have much to be thankful for as we move forward and into the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent. Some people leave for the winter season to go back to other places. We will miss them but are thankful for their presence, worship, and work.

Blessings on the walk we walk together,
Linda

Would you like to meet with Rev. Linda? Linda will be in the office when she doesn't have appointments or meetings. In general, Linda is in town Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday. The week of Thanksgiving, there will be a different schedule. Please feel free to contact Pastor Linda at 356-7573 or email her at Linda@FarmingtonUCC.org

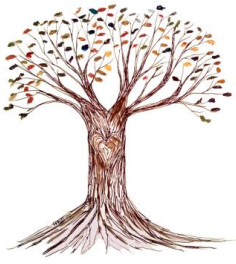
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The next issue of Telstar is the combined December/January issue. The deadline for submissions is November 13. The issue will be distributed at the beginning of December.



From The Moderator

Would you like to hear some crucial questions that have been raised during some recent church discussions in committee meetings and during coffee hour?

Can we sustain our physical church campus and also support a full-time minister?

Can Old South continue to be a central community institution if the answer to that is "No"?

Can we realistically increase membership, and pledging, in a way that will help to address the first question?

Are we too reticent when it comes to reaching out and asking people to join our congregation or to remain in it?

Can the lay members of the church continue to play important roles, supplementing the efforts of our eventual settled pastor, without burning out in the process?

Of all the strengths and priorities that we'd like our (ideally superhuman) settled pastor to have, which are the ones that we *most* need that (probably human) minister to have?

How does the future status of renting out the Holman Mission House, or using it ourselves, play into all of this, and is it enough that the building earn income or should we hold out for a spiritually meaningful use?

Do members see Old South as a vitally important piece of their lives, worthy of strong support, or are there things we need to adjust to bring about that sort of unreserved commitment?

What's the right balance between "bold" and "prudent" as we chart our future?

Is it odd and a bit frustrating to have the moderator present you with a pack of questions but no answers?

Will you step up and help us to find the answers?

Chris Magri?



From the Treasurer

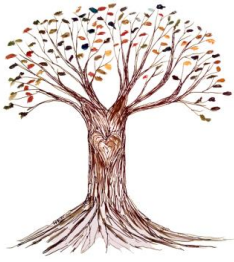
Hey there, all my sweet Old South family! I hope you are having a wonderful fall. I always have a hard time determining my feelings about fall. It's kind of sad because that means summer is over, but fall is beautiful and wonderful in its own way. Plus, there's fresh apples, and I do love a good, crisp fresh apple.

As you probably know by now, SAPARS notified us that they would not be renewing their lease in the HMH. This does create a financial unknown for us as we begin our 2018 budget process. We are searching for another non-profit to for rental purposes and are considering other options for the Holman Mission House as part of our outreach to our community.

In terms of the 2018 budget, the Financial Trustees are in the beginning stages as the writing of this article. With the outlook of finding a settled pastor in 2018, there is another level of "unknown". UCC Guidelines suggest salary and benefit packages based on pastoral experience and congregation size. So, without having a candidate, it is hard to say what the budget will look like. As a precaution, the initial decision has been to budget for a more experienced pastor allowing us to be as prepared as possible. Again, this is "as of the writing of this article". As my favorite NPR podcast always says, "things may have changed by the time you hear this" or, in this case, read this. Our final Transition conversation was on October 15. At this time, I'm not sure if that conversation will bring about any change to our consideration, but I want to make sure everyone feels as though they are well-informed. I would ask you to keep in your prayers our Transition Team and our future Search Committee. These are not easy tasks for anyone and, most of all, they could use your patience, understanding, and encouragement. We all want what is best for the future of Old South, and we are all in this together.

As a final thought, not only are we in the middle of Capital Campaign, but our Pledge season is upon us as well. I know it may seem at times as though we are always asking you to give, give, and then give a little more. However, I ask you to please consider what you might be able to do in order to help support our ministry here. I am not oblivious to the wide range of financial situations within our congregation and with that, I always like to stress that no amount is too small. Also, we are always in need of people to help in our various ministries. The youth and children's ministry needs help on Sunday mornings, Annie's Bean Pole needs more volunteers, Community Lunch would love a smiling face and helping hand serving once a month, and we have a number of committees that have vacant spots. There is a place for you here, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.

At the printing of the Telstar, our total income to date is \$195,252 and expenses are \$181,892.
Peace,
Amanda Adams
Treasurer



Financial Trustees

At the most recent Financial Trustees meeting, the following items were discussed:

Brenda Scribner added \$6000 into the handicapped accessibility account from the Fund Raising committee.

Barb Fortier updated us on the above project. The paving and marking of the parking lot have been completed. The lift has been ordered and will arrive in mid-November. Installation will follow delivery and hopefully will be completed by the end of the year. Door openers have been ordered. There will be expenses for electrical and carpentry work. We have received enough from the capital campaign and the Fund Raising Committee to cover this project. We will move on to the next project as soon as more pledges come in from the capital campaign. If you have not been contacted with your campaign material, please leave a message with Phyllis in the church office, and you will be called.

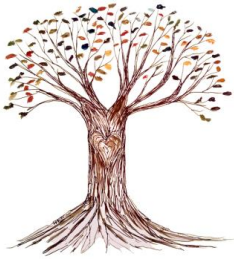
The transfer of endowment funds from UCF to the Maine Conference Fund will be completed soon.

We are currently looking for a renter or renters (non-profit) for the Holman Mission House. Any suggestions are welcome.

REMINDER: Committee chairs, please have budgets for 2018 to Phyllis by October 31. Thank you

The Financial Trustees will meet again on November 14.

Marilyn Hylan, Financial Trustee Chair



Deacons' Corner

Just a couple of reminders this month....

1) The Deacons will soon send out a questionnaire to each member of the congregation. We would like to know, specifically, what kind of relationship you want to have with your assigned Deacon. Would you like us to get in touch with you from time to time to see how you are getting along? Or, would you rather not be contacted at all? (If that's the case we might just send you a card once or twice a year to remind you that we are still a point-of-contact for your questions and concerns.)

The questionnaire will arrive by mail and will include a list of possible ways that it can be returned, including a self-addressed/stamped envelope. It will only take a minute or two to fill out, although you are welcomed to add additional comments if you like. We would appreciate it if you could return the questionnaire as soon as possible and please let us know if you didn't receive one. We very much hope to hear from everybody!

2) This year we will be "hanging the greens" at our church on Sunday, November 26th after worship. Since the Deacons have taken on this event, we would like to make it a festive occasion, involving as many people as possible. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Everybody's welcome, from the youngest to the eldest members of our church family!

Many Blessings to All!

Shelley

(Your Deacons: Rina Bardo, Roger Condit, Mary Sinclair, Wendy Oakley, Ryan Westbrook-Vigue, Carole Trickett, Linda Fournier, Fred O. Smith, Michelle Scribner, Grace McIntosh (Junior Deacon) and Shelley Griffith (Chair))



Lay Prayer Ministry

This is a ministry of prayer with sacred intention for all concerns and joys that are lifted up in prayer during our Sunday morning worship services. If this is a ministry that you would like to participate in, please contact Rev. Linda or Chair of the Deacons, Shelley Griffith, or Ryan Westrbook-Vigue.

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As we approach “All Saints Day” I would like to encourage you to join me in remembering our beloved loved ones who have inspired, encouraged, and impacted us in living our spiritual lives. As we enter this time of year in our lives we remember those who have blazed the spiritual trail before us. Though they have transitioned from this world into “The Holy One’s” loving embrace, they will always remain in our hearts. On November 5<sup>th</sup> during our Worship service we will take time to remember our loved ones. Psalm 149 reminds us to “Let the saints be joyful in glory.” As the Lay Prayer Chaplin I would like to take this time to share a prayer with you that I have written and I am using during this time of remembrance of those saints who have shown us the way of living a centered and grounded spiritual life.

“Holy One, I give you thanks and praise that you have blessed me with loved ones who taught me how to keep my faith journey centered and grounded. Please allow me to remember all the knowledge that each loved one has taught me in order to live a grounded and strong spiritual life and by living a life of faith, service, love, and compassion your goodness is displayed among my spiritual family and in my community through all my words and deeds. May I continue to display your love and light within my soul and spirit. If my soul needs restoration it is by your healing power that it shall be restored as I sense your nearness to me. “Holy One” thank you for the wonderful blessings of all the spiritual mentors of past and present in my life who have taught and continue to teach and encourage me in living a centered and grounded spiritual life and may I hold all that I have been taught in my soul and spirit in order to live a life that exalts you.

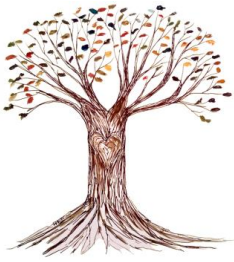
In All your Holy Names I Pray,  
Amen.”

As we enter this time of year we pause and reflect on all the blessings in our lives. May we reflect, live, and share the compassion, love, and light that have filled our souls and spirits.

Many Blessings,

Ryan Westbrook-Vigue  
Lay Prayer Chaplin





## News and Upcoming Events



### Committee and Group Meetings

**Christian Education**  
**Deacons' Meeting**  
**Executive Council**  
**Financial Trustees**  
**Outreach, Justice, Witness**  
**Property Trustees**  
**Staff Meeting**

to be determined  
Sunday, Nov. 12, Matthew Room following worship  
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 14, HMH at 5:30 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 21, Matthew Room at 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 21, HMH at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 15, HMH at 10:15 am



*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

Matthew 18:20

Please join us for fifteen to twenty minutes of centering prayer on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm at the Holman Mission House. All are welcome.

### Vesper Services

Please join us in the Matthew Room on Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 for midweek evening services at 5:00 pm. There will be music with Patricia Hayden and with Shepherd's Pie, readings, and prayer. All are welcome.



### Moving On...Lunch Gathering in Vestry

*The Moving On group will meet for lunch at noon on November 14 in the vestry. This group welcomes Old South widows and widowers for a delicious meal, and a time of sharing and fellowship. Hostesses Rina Bardo, Shirley Waddell, and Karyl Condit will provide hot dishes for lunch. Pot luck contributions are welcome but not required. Please join us. Call the office for more information.*





## News & Upcoming Events



*It's the harvest supper.*  
Come gather with us.

### **Harvest Supper—November 5th, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm**

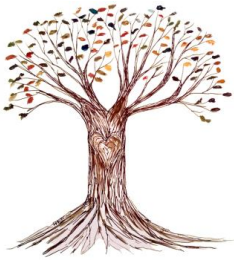
Mark your calendars for this year's Harvest Supper from 5–6 p.m. on Saturday, November 4. The menu will be roast turkey, baked ham, assorted side dishes, and homemade pies. The Harvest Supper is the main fundraiser for Pilgrim Lodge camperships each year and is held the first Saturday of November every year. We need donations of food or money to purchase the food items, and people to help with set up, serving and clean up. If you are able to help with the Harvest Supper, please contact Brenda Scribner ([tatabug47@hotmail.com](mailto:tatabug47@hotmail.com) or 299-3686).



Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 6. Don't forget to "fall back" – adjust all your clocks before going to sleep on Saturday night!

Dick and Linda Giard will be serving Parmesan Chicken at the Retirees Lunch on November 6. Please mark your calendars and join us for lunch and bring a dish to share if you would like. For more information, contact Dick Giard at 897-6228.





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### Hanging of the Greens

Join the fun of decorating the church for Advent as we hang wreaths, decorate the tree and prepare the church for the coming season. All are welcome! We will gather on **Sunday, Nov. 26, immediately** after the service and begin decorating! Questions? Please contact Chair of the Deacons, Shelley Griffith ([sgriffith875@gmail.com](mailto:sgriffith875@gmail.com)) or the church office ([Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org](mailto:Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org)).



### Poinsettia and Wreath Memorials and Celebrations

The Women of Old South invite you to fill the sanctuary with poinsettias! We are accepting orders for poinsettia plants and for Christmas wreath memorials. The wreaths will be placed on the doors of Old South, and the flowers are displayed in the sanctuary beginning with the second Sunday of Advent. The poinsettias are \$13.00 this year, and wreaths are \$17. Mark your check for "poinsettia" or "wreath" and make the check out to "Women of Old South". Please return this form with your payment to the church office by Noon on November 28.

You may turn your memorial requests in either by placing it in the offering baskets on Sundays with this form, bringing it to the church office or mailing it to the following address:

Old South Church  
227 Main Street  
Farmington ME 04938

Given in memory/celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

***Memorials will be listed in the December/January Telstar and in the church bulletin on Christmas Eve.***



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### Special Office HOURS

The week of November 19 (Thanksgiving week) and the week following Thanksgiving, Phyllis will be in the church office Monday through Wednesday (Nov. 20-22 and Nov. 27-29). Hours will be 8:00 am to 4:30 pm except on Nov. 29 when the office will close at 3:00 pm.

The office will be open Wednesday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm the first week of December (Dec. 6-8).



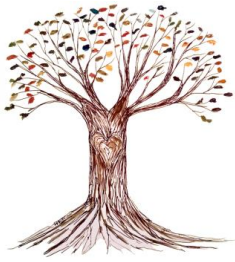
### Fair Trade and Heifer International Alternative Gift Giving

Join us for the annual Heifer International Gift and fair trade coffee and chocolate sale day on Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10, immediately following worship. Coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange will be available for purchase, and you will be able to make contributions to Heifer International.



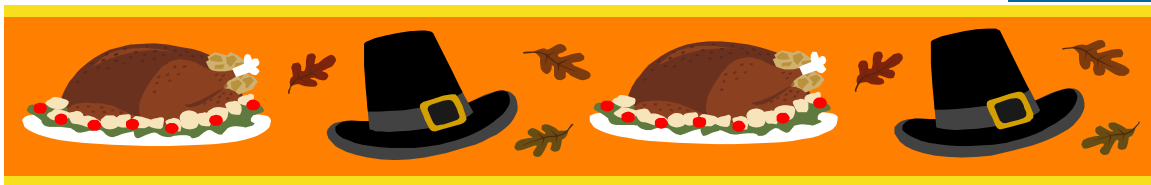
### EcuHeat Benefit Concert

Join us for a benefit community Christmas concert featuring Matt and Shannon Heat and a Child's Christmas in Wales in concert on Thursday, December 14, at 7 pm. In addition to Old South Church's portion of the tickets sale, and refreshment donations, a special collection will be taken. All evening proceeds will benefit the ECU Heat Fund (heating assistance for our community). To volunteer, donate refreshments or reserve tickets call Debbie Davis Robinson at 207-491-5919 or Brenda Scribner at 207-299-3686. Concert series is in partnership with New England Celtic Arts and sponsored in part by Saddleback Wind Ridge.



## Mission & Outreach

**Outreach, Justice and Witness** will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 21. This is an open ministry with no fixed membership, and we encourage you to stop in, see what plans are in action and help us to serve God's people both locally and globally.



### Thanksgiving Boxes for Care & Share

Once again, the youth of Old South are working to assemble 50 boxes of food for the Care and Share Food Closet Thanksgiving Basket distribution. Each Sunday, we are collecting contributions for this project. Please note, we will not be able to receive the turkeys, apples, squash, or potatoes until the week of November 12. Thank you for your continued support to this project!

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 10-14 lb turkey                                                                                | 1 box of stuffing                                    |
| 1 can of cranberry sauce                                                                       | 2 cans of vegetables (peas, green beans, corn, etc.) |
| 1 squash (butter, acorn, etc)                                                                  | 3-5 lb. bag of apples                                |
| 5 lb. potatoes                                                                                 |                                                      |
| 1 small box or 6 lunch box size boxes of raisins (please note, these items have been received) |                                                      |

If you would prefer, you may make a financial contribution and we will do the shopping for you. Thank you!

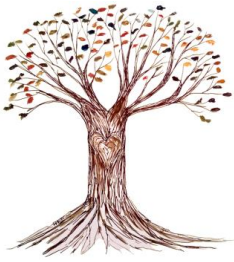


Warm little heads and little hearts

### Hats and mittens for local youth

Winter is approaching and it's time to think of warm hats and mittens for the children in our local elementary schools. These items are distributed by the teachers to children who need them. Items may be new or used as long as they are in good condition and in sizes for a child 5-10 years old. A box will be in the Vestry (Assembly Room) near the kitchen for your donations beginning November 5 through the end of December. The teachers have expressed how grateful they are to receive this box each year. Thank you for your donations! -- Polly Howatt





## Mission & Outreach



We had another successful Community Luncheon in October. We served about 135 meals of Chicken Stew with biscuits. This is about average for the number of meals we serve as the year begins, but we expect that the numbers will increase as the weather gets colder.

Our menu for November will be: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, stuffing and peas. God's Kitchen Crew will again provide us with cake for dessert.

It is always nice to see such a good turnout of volunteers as we had this month, almost 20 people including the intrepid Kitchen Crew! Your help and participation is what makes this ministry possible.

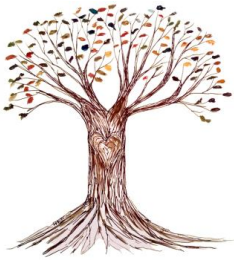
Stan Wheeler

Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs



### **Fair Trade Coffee Ordering**

Old South members and friends may join the group ordering of fair-trade certified, wholesale coffee, tea, chocolate and food items from Equal Exchange. The next order deadline is by 6 pm Monday, November 6. Contact the coordinator, Myrna Vallette, at 778-4387, or by email at [myrna.vallette@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.vallette@gmail.com), to order or to get more information.



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Thank you for your contribution to NIN in October. Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. As of October 15, we have received \$399.62 for this special offering. Thank you for your generous support.



### **EcuHeat Benefit Concert at Old South Church**

Don't miss the EcuHeat Benefit Christmas Concert at Old South on Thursday, December 14. For more information, check the News and Events pages. Proceeds from the sale of food and tickets will be donated to the ecumenical Heating Fund. Special thanks to Debbie Davis Robinson and members of the Fundraising Committee and all the Old South volunteers who make this event possible.





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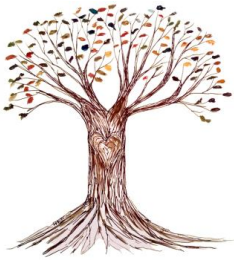
### **Annie's Beanpole and Outreach, Justice and Witness**

There are many programs at Old South that allow you to lend a hand from time to time. One such program is Annie's Beanpole. This is the medical equipment lending program overseen by volunteers from Old South. Many people in our community and state utilize this free service, and it is truly inspiring to witness how helpful this ministry is for people.

Volunteers take ½ of a month to return calls and meet people to distribute equipment. Calls either come to the church office, and when it's your turn overseeing Annie's, you arrange convenient times for yourself to meet with the callers at the Holman Mission House.

Can you join us? Current volunteers include Randy Oakley, Sherry Jenckes, Chris Magri, Wendy Huish, Patti Schoen, Mardi Bogar, Rina Bardo, Brenda Scribner, and others. Many hands make light work, and this work is very meaningful. Please contact Randy Oakley ([roakley@roadrunner.com](mailto:roakley@roadrunner.com)) for more information.

Thank you!



# Fundraising

## Ongoing Fundraising Programs



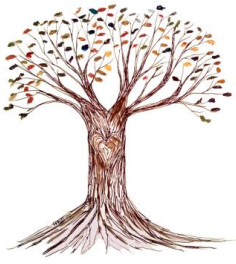
### Hannaford and Merchant Gift Cards

Hannaford cards and merchant gift cards may be purchased on Sundays before Church and during coffee hour and at the church office during office hours. Check out the selection of ready to use gift cards of local, regional and on-line merchants at the Fundraising Committee Table or in the church office!



### Do you shop at Amazon?

Be sure to do your shopping through Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate .5% of your total to Old South. There's no cost to you and once you choose Old South as your charity, there's nothing else you need to do. You can go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and click select on First Congregational of Farmington. Thank you to those of you who have been utilizing this giving method already!



## Children & Youth



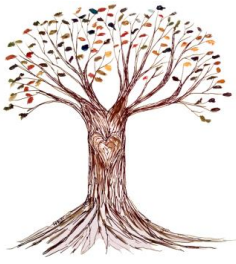
### **Thanksgiving Basket Project**

We continue to collect donations of food and money for our 50 Thanksgiving Basket project. The local food pantry has created a new and improved "basket" of holiday items this year--- with extra veggies and less sugar. Therefore, we're updating our list of requested items:

- 1 box of stuffing
- 2 cans of vegetables (peas, green beans, etc.)
- 1 can of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 5 lbs of potatoes
- 1 fresh squash (squash commitment filled)
- raisins (raisin commitment filled)

Plus, we'll be adding apples and frozen turkeys (these items we'll purchase a few days prior to boxing everything up for delivery). On Sunday, November 19, we'll pack up all donations and bring them to the Care & Share Food Closet in Fairbanks. A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who has helped us with this beloved mission project!





## Children & Youth

### **Sunday School**

This month, we hear how Moses and the Israelites skedaddled out of Egypt and across the Red Sea in a most-surprising fashion, then we'll review the 10 Commandments. No lessons on November 19, as we'll be spending the morning assembling Thanksgiving Baskets. And, there are no lessons on November 26, a holiday weekend. When we return in December, we'll begin rehearsing for the Christmas pageant!

### **BBC**

We start the month with Coat & Cupboard (Nov. 5), where we'll be hanging new coat arrivals and prepping for our busiest day--Chester Greenwood on Dec. 2. The following week, we'll join in the worship service. On December 19, we're scheduled to work---getting the finishing touches ready for the Thrifty Santa sale.

### **God's Kitchen Crew: Doin' the Turkey Shuffle**

We play Turkey Shuffleboard this month, using a very large, very heavy, very frozen piece of poultry in our unusual adaptation of the traditional game. And, of course, we will be baking cakes for the Community Luncheon--this month, it's spice cake. We meet up Wednesday, November 8, from 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm. Bring along a friend!

For kids grades 2-5  
Wednesday Nov. 8  
3:00 pm to 4:45 pm







## Children & Youth



### **Confirmation Discussions**

This month, we look at rituals, traditions, and sacraments. Why are worship services set up in a certain order? What's the meaning of baptism? Why is communion a sacrament? We'll have time to share our own experiences with traditions of worship--which rituals do we find draw us closer to God, and which rituals do we find confusing, or experience as empty of meaning, or even distracting?

For students in grades 8-12

Sunday, November 19

6:30-8:15 pm



### **The Pancakery**

We continue our unusual new mission project--a "pop up cafe" to serve delicious free brunch to our neighbors. However, we're "open" just once this month! Our menu includes coffee, tea, and juice, plus an assortment of "grab-and-go" foods (muffins and such), as well as made-to-order fresh pancakes. As always, everything is free!

Pancakery Staff: students in grades 5 - 9

Sunday, November 12

11:00 - 1:00 pm



## Children & Youth

### **Thrifty Santa Gently-Used Toy Sale**

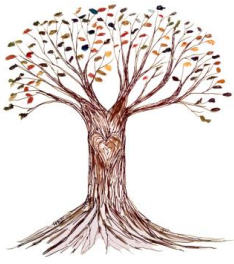
Normally, we cringe at the sight of Santa before Thanksgiving--but this is for a good cause! This month, the Youth Group is launching a new project---a used-toy sale that finds new homes for gently-used toys, with all the profits going to Coat & Cupboard. Do you have unused Legos lurking in a back closet? Doll dishes in a forgotten box? Or perhaps you have a tricycle that's been outgrown....At the Thrifty Santa sale, families can purchase holiday gifts at very affordable prices---and we'll turn the profits into warm coats! Donations can be dropped off at church (you'll find a donation box by the Newman Wing door) or contact Jodie to arrange for us to pick up items at your house.

### **How Do I Find Out More?**

Don't miss a single youth activity! Sign up for our email newsletter, "Old South Kids This Week," to receive updates, news, photos, and more. Just send a note to [Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org](mailto:Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org). We also post regularly on Facebook; new this fall--dedicated Facebook pages to The Pancakery, Coat & Cupboard, and Old South TeensNovember Youth Programs Calendar







## Children & Youth

November 5: Daylight Savings! "All-Saints" Sunday; Coat & Cupboard is open (BBC: please arrive by 8:30 am!); Sunday School begins at 9:30 am, no evening youth group

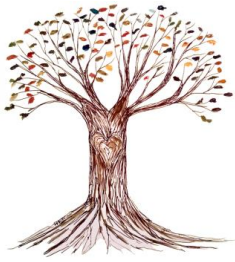
Wednesday, November 8: God's Kitchen Crew 3:00 pm

November 12: Sunday School; BBC in worship; Pancakery 10:30 pm, Youth Group at 6:30 pm

November 19: Sunday School: Thanksgiving Basket Sunday!; BBC "work" day; Bread for Benefit; Confirmation Discussion Group 6:30 pm

November 26: Thanksgiving Weekend--no Sunday School, BBC or youth programs today. "Hanging of the Greens" after worship service.





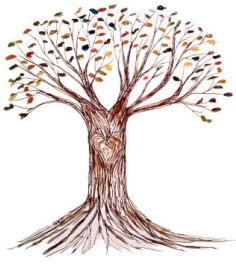
# Worship & Music



## Revised Common Lectionary

The Revised Common Lectionary is a list of Bible passages followed by the majority of mainline Christian churches, including the United Church of Christ. Pastor Linda will be following the Revised Common Lectionary each week. You will find the lectionary readings below for November.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost<br>November 5, 2017  | <u>Joshua 3:7-17</u><br><u>Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37</u> | <u>Micah 3:5-12</u><br><u>Psalm 43</u>                                                                                                   | <u>1</u><br><u>Thessalonians</u><br><u>2:9-13</u>  | <u>Matthew</u><br><u>23:1-12</u>  |
| Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost<br>November 12, 2017  | <u>Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25</u><br><u>Psalm 78:1-7</u> | <u>Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16</u><br><i>or</i><br><u>Amos 5:18-24</u><br><u>Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20</u><br><i>or</i><br><u>Psalm 70</u> | <u>1</u><br><u>Thessalonians</u><br><u>4:13-18</u> | <u>Matthew</u><br><u>25:1-13</u>  |
| Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost<br>November 19, 2017 | <u>Judges 4:1-7</u><br><u>Psalm 123</u>             | <u>Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18</u><br><u>Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12</u>                                                                           | <u>1</u><br><u>Thessalonians</u><br><u>5:1-11</u>  | <u>Matthew</u><br><u>25:14-30</u> |
| Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost<br>November 26, 2017  | <u>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</u><br><u>Psalm 100</u>  | <u>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</u><br><u>Psalm 95:1-7a</u>                                                                                   | <u>Ephesians</u><br><u>1:15-23</u>                 | <u>Matthew</u><br><u>25:31-46</u> |



## Music and Worship



### **Vesper Services**

Please join us for Wednesday evening Vesper Services at 5:00 pm in the Matthew Room. These services include music (with Patricia Hayden and Shepherd's Pie), a time for prayers, and readings.

Dates for the services are: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 (There will not be a Vesper Service on Nov. 22) and December 6, 13, and 20. The service time is approximately 30 minutes each week.

## The Living Water Association, Maine Conference and the United Church of Christ



The Living Water Association is comprised of members from United Church of Christ Churches in Kennebec, Somerset, and Franklin County. Karyl Condit is serving as the Moderator of the Association, and Chris Magri is the current Scribe. Bob Dodge, from a UCC church in Augusta, is the current Treasurer. The Vice Moderator is Kim Shrader, pastor at both Benton Falls and Winslow. Old South is allowed five delegates to this group. The Association gathers twice a year to learn about each other and find ways to work and worship with each other. The Honduras Partnership ministry is one example of a shared ministry.

The Living Water Association Fall Meeting will be held at Old South Church in Farmington on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2:30 pm. You are invited to attend. If you would like to learn more or to be a voting delegate at this meeting, please contact Chris Magri, in his role as our Moderator! Our current delegates include Dick Waddell, Karyl Condit, and Chris Magri. Each church is allowed five voting delegates. At this meeting, each of the churches in the Association have been asked to speak about their churches as a way of getting to know each other. We have invited the attendees to bring coats for the Coat Closet and toys for the toy sale. Everyone is bringing desserts to share.



# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Would you like to learn more about the United Church of Christ? Please check the United Church of Christ website for more information about our denomination:  
<http://www.ucc.org> On this site, you may sign up for "Weekly Seeds" a reflection based on the Revised Common Lectionary readings for each Sunday of the year. There is also a link to an electronic daily devotional called, "The StillSpeaking Daily Devotional."



## Get Connected

### OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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WORSHIP: 9:30 AM SUNDAYS  
OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday through Thursday



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### Old South Statement of Identity

*“In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one...”*

*(Galatians 3:28)*

Walking toward God, we, the members of (Old South) First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Farmington, Maine, seek through God’s Grace to be a congregation that includes all persons who desire to live God’s Love, as shown to us through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We respect and embrace differences of gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We are an open and affirming church: open to all, and affirming of all God’s beloved children. No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.



## November 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Thursday                                                                                               | Friday                                                                                         | Saturday                                               |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                       | <b>1</b><br>12:30pm Prayer Circle (HMH Gathering Room)<br>5:00pm Vesper Service (Matthew Room)<br>6:00pm Executive Council (Holman Mission House)<br>7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room)                                           | <b>2</b>                                                                                               | <b>3</b>                                                                                       | <b>4</b><br>5:00pm Harvest Supper (Vestry)             |
| <b>5</b><br>9:00am Coat & Cupboard Open (HMH Carriage House)<br>9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)<br>9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room)<br>2:30pm Living Water Association (Vestry)                                      | <b>6</b><br>6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)                                          | <b>7</b><br>5:15pm Transition Team (HMH Meeting Room)<br>5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)                                                  | <b>8</b><br>12:30pm Prayer Circle (HMH Gathering Room)<br>3:00pm God's Kitchen Crew (Kitchen, Vestry)<br>5:00pm Vesper Service (Matthew Room)<br>7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room)                                               | <b>9</b>                                                                                               | <b>10</b><br>9:30am Peeling Party (Kitchen)<br>1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room) | <b>11</b><br>12:00pm Community Lunch (Kitchen, Vestry) |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)<br>9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room)<br>11:00am Pancakey (Old South Church)<br>11:00am Deacons' Meeting (Matthew Room)<br>6:30pm Youth Group (location to be determined) | <b>13</b><br>11:00am Memorial Service (Sanctuary)<br>6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing) | <b>14</b><br>12:00pm Moving On Lunch (Vestry)<br>5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)<br>5:30pm Financial Trustees (HMH Meeting Room)          | <b>15</b><br>12:30pm Prayer Circle (HMH Gathering Room)<br>5:00pm Vesper Service (Matthew Room)<br>6:00pm Dinner for Veterans (Kitchen, Vestry)<br>7:00pm LinQ/LGBTQ Support Group (Chapel)<br>7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room) | <b>16</b><br>10:00am Sweatt Winter Coat Drop Off (Vestry)<br>6:00pm Third Thursday Group (Newman Wing) | <b>17</b>                                                                                      | <b>18</b>                                              |
| <b>19</b><br>9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)<br>9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room)<br>11:00am Thanksgiving Basket Sunday (Matthew Room)<br>11:00am Bread for Benefit (Vestry)<br>6:30pm Confirmation (Matthew Room)    | <b>20</b><br>6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)                                         | <b>21</b><br>5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)<br>6:00pm Property Trustees (HMH Meeting Room)<br>6:30pm Outreach, Justice, Witness (Chapel) | <b>22</b><br>7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room)                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>23</b>                                                                                              | <b>24</b><br>1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)                                   | <b>25</b>                                              |
| <b>26</b><br>9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)<br>9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room)<br>10:45am Hanging of the Greens (Old South Church)                                                                                 | <b>27</b><br>6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)                                         | <b>28</b><br>5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)                                                                                              | <b>29</b><br>12:30pm Prayer Circle (HMH Gathering Room)<br>5:00pm Vesper Service (Matthew Room)<br>7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room)                                                                                             | <b>30</b>                                                                                              |                                                                                                |                                                        |