



First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

THE BEACON

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Deadline for the December BEACON is Tuesday, November 18. Send entries to beacon@fccucc.org



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those who live without enough food, water, shelter, or safety; for veterans and those in active service; for peace and peacemakers; for areas in strife around the world.

Prayers for:

Karen Ellis

Jan Maddox

Stephen Fox

Peter Cotter

All those who grieve



LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

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| November 4
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. | Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Chapel Worship with Communion
Sanctuary Worship with Communion, Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School
Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows. |
| November 11
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. | Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Chapel Worship
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows. |
| November 18
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. | Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Chapel Worship
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows. |
| November 25
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. | Consecration Sunday - Thanksgiving Sunday
Chapel Worship
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the message.
Fellowship time follows. |

OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday-Friday,
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**



MEMORIALS-DEDICATIONS

Please call the church office to dedicate the Steeple in remembrance or celebration of loved ones.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION GLOBE

Surprisingly, we have many openings on the altar this Fall.

Consider placing flowers on the church altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a wonderful life moment such as a special birthday or wedding anniversary. You can order these from a florist to be delivered or buy flowers at Hannafords or the farmers market and arrange a simple bouquet.

The Mission Globe is another choice for remembering asylum seekers and countries in strife.

To reserve a Sunday, please email danawig@gmail.com

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

On Thursday, October 25, we will meet for breakfast at the Egg and I in Scarborough at 9:00. Please contact us if you need transportation to the restaurant.

We will watch the movie "Hidden Figures" at 1:00 on Thursday, November 1.

Let's have a gourmet lunch at SMCC at 12:00 on Friday, November 9. RSVP by November 1.

We will meet on Thursday, November 15 for a SAM meeting at 1:00 to plan future activities.

On Thursday, November 29, we'll leave church at 12:00 for lunch at the Bird Dog Roadhouse in Cape Elizabeth. Our reservation is for 12:15. Please let us know you're joining us by November 26.

In December, look forward to going to see "White Christmas" at Portland Lyric Theater and "Mama Mia" at Portland Players.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Our annual Halloween Party is Friday, October 26, 2018. Potluck dinner from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and group games including a Pirate Cave, Bobbing for Apples and Corn hole from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Anne at abf@fccucc.org or use the Sign up Genius.



Christmas pageant Sign-ups are starting on October 28 at Coffee Hour. This year's pageant, *The Time Travelers* is presented on December 16, during worship. Please email Elizabeth Scifres, the Director at EKA@maine.rr.com if your children/youth would like to be part of this Christmas tradition. No age limits, we have a place for everyone!



Gingerbread men and women needed for cookie decorating during Holly Daze Bazaar. Suggested delivery date is November 15. Please contact Anne at abf@fccucc.org if you would like to make 1-2 dozen cookies for the Children's activity room.

GIVING THROUGH THE MISSION MALL

The Mission Mall, an ongoing program of the Mission and Outreach Team, is a year-round opportunity to honor friends and loved ones by donating to one of these local charities:

- Animal Refuge League
- Center for Grieving Children
- Community Crisis Ministries
- Dignity for Opiate Users
- Emergency Food Pantry
- Friendship House
- Florence House
- Gary's House
- GLSEN



- Grace Street Ministry
- Iris Network
- Katarzyna Fund
- Long Creek Youth Development Center
- Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance
- My Sister's Keeper
- Opportunity Alliance Diaper Program
- Shalom House
- Spurwink

The Mission Mall is an opportunity to make an honorary or memorial donation to one of the local charities in our Mission Mall Catalog, including Community Crisis Ministries and the Emergency Food Pantry. For each donation, you are entitled to an All-Occasion or Christmas Card to send to one of the special people in your life. To use the Mission Mall, use the basket in the Church Office or visit the church website.

"There are times when I want to give a gift to someone, and have no idea what I might possibly purchase that would be meaningful, useful, relevant, and something that person would appreciate having. When I give a donation through the Mission Mall as a gift, I know with certainty that it will be meaningful, useful, relevant, with a high degree of certainty that it will be appreciated by the recipient who learns of the donation in his/her name." -- A friend of the Mission Mall.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We are again providing Thanksgiving baskets for 30 families this holiday season. The baskets will be packed and distributed Sunday morning **November 18**.

In order to maintain consistency in the contents of the baskets, there will be specific items requested, as in, vegetables, potatoes, pie shells and filling, stuffing, cranberry sauce, etc. Items for the baskets will be printed on labels that will be available beginning during Fellowship Time after the 10:00 a.m. service Sunday, October 28, November 4, and November 11. Labels will also be posted on the Mission Outreach Bulletin Board in the sanctuary-level hallway. Take labels for the items you will contribute, as many labels as you wish, and bring those food items to church Sunday morning November 18. The food will be collected in the chancel area by the altar. A collection box will be available at church by the Wright Pavilion entrance for donations to be dropped off prior to November 18, if necessary.



If you are not able to get to the labels, but wish to contribute, please bring canned vegetables or fruits.

Anyone who would like to stay after 10:00 a.m. worship on November 18, and help pack the baskets in the chancel area of the sanctuary is welcome.

Your generosity is appreciated. ~Mission Outreach Team



WOMEN IN HARMONY CONCERT

Where: Here at The First Congregational Church UCC, 301 Cottage Rd., South Portland

When: Saturday, November 3, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 ahead of time, \$15 at the door

Tickets will be available at Nonesuch Books, the Church Office and online at BrownPaperTickets.com. The "profit" will be split between First Congregational Church and Sexual Response Services of Southern Maine.

The concert's theme is "Resilience and Hope."



Holly Daze Bazaar—Saturday, November 17



JEWELS AND BAUBLES!

Please bring your jewelry donations in early this year so we can get right to the sorting and pricing.



All jewelry should be dropped off at the church office.

Thank you.

~Sue Mitchell and Deb Riley



PICK UP THOSE NEEDLES!

If you haven't already started knitting, this is the time to do it. We need items for all ages, particularly babies and children. Hats, mittens/gloves (with or without fingers), scarves, socks are always in demand. We would love to have your help this year. Thank you.



~ Elinor Redmond, Evie Strom & Tracy Greenwood

SCHOLARSHIP MATCH



We appreciate the generous and consistent support provided by Vinton Lewis over the years to our General Scholarship Fund. To encourage additional support for the Fund, Mr. Lewis offered a \$10,000 matching gift to other contributions to the General Scholarship Fund.

The 2018 Scholarship Committee members: Jeri Sides, Chairperson, Judy Kimball, Barbara Powers, Sally Sutton and Cindy Maddox, express their thanks to the congregation and donors for their support of these scholarships and for the privilege of administering such a wonderful program on behalf of our church.

PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS

Have you made your 2018 donation towards your Per Capita dues? This is the \$15.00 annual fee that the church pays on your behalf to the Cumberland Association and the Maine Conference.

Church Calendar

Nov 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary		6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	9am - Children's 6:30pm - Children's 6:30pm - Eskimos	6:30pm - Care & 6:30pm - SL&W 7pm - EF&G		9am - Children's 5pm - Sat up for 5:30pm - Soup 7:30pm - Women in
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary		6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	9am - Children's 6:30pm - Children's 6:30pm - Eskimos	12pm - Staff 6:30pm - Administat 7am - Pastor Parish		5pm - Women in
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Office Closed for	Office Closed for	8:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	2pm - CCM Review 6:30pm - Children's	Holiday Bazaar Set up @ Wright Pavilion. 1pm - SAMS @ 2nd 7pm - Council		9am - Holyday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Beacon Deadline 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary 3pm - Memorial 3pm - Reception for		6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir	9am - Children's 6:30pm - Children's	Office is Closed for Thanksgiving		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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FALL CLEANUP

It's time again to help out with the fall cleanup, which will happen on November 4 or 11, right after church. Please plan now to reserve some time so you can be involved in this annual outdoor event. Main chores will be to pick up or rake up dead flowers, plants and LEAVES. Please bring a rake.

The actual cleanup date will be announced it in the Sunday morning Bulletin.

