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SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 9:00 TO NOON

O&M 'TALK LIKE A PIRATE' SUPPER

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 6:00 PM

CHURCH FAIR!

NOVEMBER 4TH, 9 AM-2 PM

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THE VOICE

*We seek to be a church of the open mind, the warm heart,
the aspiring soul and a vision for God's world.*

A monthly newsletter

September, 2017

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MINISTER'S MUSE

Our Lovely and Infuriating Church



I have returned from a long and joyful holiday as I am sure many of you have as well. On some down time I had the chance to read a lecture given by Marilynne Robinson, the author of *Gilead* and *Housekeeping* on the Puritan foundations of New England. She did a good job of situating the movement in the wider context of the English Reformation. I was struck again by the foundations of our church which above all valued learning, equality and humility. I also believe that these values would be great medicine for the ills of our age.

The tradition began with the English Reformation with John Wycliff who believed that the Bible was something that belonged to the common man. The Bible in the fourteenth century, as it was until the 18th century, was the pre-immanent work of science, law, and literature and the cornerstone of European civilization. In 1384 he completed the first English translation which sparked the English reformation- together with its many peasant revolts and eventually the Puritan migration to the Americas. His translations and world

view were circulated widely throughout Europe and had a big impact on the Sixteenth century Reformation reflected in the likes of Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and John Robinson.

The early Congregational clergy and statesmen of New England were among the most learned of Europe. The schools they created such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Dartmouth reflected those values. Yet for many reasons Puritanism has become a "straw man". Robinson, who is a UCC Congregationalist in Iowa, has done a good deal of study on Calvin, Edwards and others who deeply shaped our faith. As she compared the early colonial laws of Anglican states such as Virginia with the laws of Puritan states such as Connecticut and Massachusetts, the values of compassion and equality become quite clear. For example, Anglican states compelled its citizens to go to church. The institutions of slavery and aristocracy were enshrined. Death sentences were carried out for minor property theft.

Puritan colonies did not compel church attendance. Slavery was expressly forbidden except for conquest in war, and death sentences were far more rare. Indeed, compared with what was happening on the European continent at the time, New England was a paragon of liberality and light. Puritan does not

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
AT SECOND CHURCH**

As a covenant community we are committed to the belief that all people are created equal before God, and that the love of Jesus Christ is inclusive.

We celebrate our diverse congregation, and we welcome persons of any race, gender, age, marital status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, and economic circumstance to full participation in our community life and ministry.

We strive to reflect these beliefs in the language and content of our worship and in our lives together.

mean “strict and inflexible.” It means bright, untarnished by the tyranny of the state, humble, and, yes, pure.

Our tradition also required great humility. Just as “a little knowledge is a dangerous thing,” ordinary angry, despairing people can do great damage to one another as they brush up against the great fount of scripture. While he did believe that every person should read and study the bible, Jonathan Edwards believed that we should be aware of the idolatrous leanings of our own egos.

As the love and joy of hypocrites, are all from the source of self-love; so it is with their other affections, their sorrow for sin, their humiliation and submission, their religious desires and zeal: everything is as it were paid for beforehand, in God's highly gratifying their self-love, and their lusts, by making so much of them, and exalting them so highly, as things are in their imagination. 'Tis easy for nature, as corrupt as it is, under a notion of being already some of the highest favorites of heaven, and having a God who does so protect 'em and favor 'em in their sins, to love this imaginary God that suits 'em so well, and to extol him, and submit to him, and to be fierce and zealous for him.

Idolatry is the human tendency to make false gods. Today we live in a world less shaped by the Bible and more shaped by our secular and separate celebrities. But we would all be well served to pay heed to Edward's insight; whether we are agnostic, atheist or religious, people today seem to be largely unaware of the idolatrous nature of their own bias. We all look to the God “that suits us so well.” Those with public ambitions seem to have little problem spouting their misguided and hasty rhetoric supported by their own fake news. I think we as a faithful community would be wise to exercise the same restraint and self control.

The rampant sexism, racism, homophobia, and shrillness of our age displayed in Neo-fascist demonstrations is immoral. It is immoral because of the definition of human rights set by the United Nations. It is immoral because it runs counter to the spirit of our constitution. But before any of these things, it is immoral because of its idolatry. When one puts one's own gender, race, orientation or ideology above the greater mystery of God there is bound to be trouble.

But everyone is prone to idolatry. Idolatry is a part of the way our minds are wired. In fact it is probably impossible to persuade anyone of anything without massaging it. Political partisanship is fine at a cookout or Facebook or Congress, but at a church we need to be at least willing to be open about our own bias. This is not easy. It is our cross.

Just this morning my family together with my mother in law from Colorado had made a plan to meet another swim family from Springfield at the MFA in Boston. I looked at my clock and thought we were late. I sometimes feel like we are a little vague with our commitments when we are on vacation, so I stormed into the bedroom and woke my wife with the words “Get up, we're late. We have 15 minutes to get ready.”

“Were not meeting them at ten, we are meeting them at eleven. Why do you have to be so mean?” I had to apologize. I had become overly fixated on my own idolatrous notion of the truth.

Ministering to a church can be frustrating. Being a church member can be frustrating. I feel things like anyone, with passion and conviction. At times it can seem like everyone and everything is seeking to obscure the truth. And it is. And yet I do believe that we can speak the truth to one another as long as we are humble and gentle with one another. Carrying the light of the Gospel together requires apologies, mistakes and lots of forgiveness. Churchill said “Democracy is the worst form of government except for all others that have been tried.” So I say of the church, the Congregational Church of the UCC is the worst church except for all others that have been tried.

Our Church can be a messy place, and it was from the beginning. But in the end it is the place where God's light still lives. And that indeed is saying something. Maybe someday we can all learn to do this experiment of civic life in America with a little more care and dignity. Maybe one day we can really stand for learning, equality and humility.

Yours in Christ, *Reverend Vern Wright*

LITURGICAL THEMES

This September through early October I will be using Marcia McPhee's worship design studio resources which are in turn inspired by the revised common Lectionary Series A for the fall. These more media rich services help me plan for our additional, praise oriented services. The general theme is communion. “*In this 'Come to the Table' series, we hear the call to dine with Jesus—an invitation that means much more than a simple eating experience. It never was with Jesus. The table was the place where he not only fed people, but challenged them to acts of hospitality that reflect God's way. When we say “yes” to the place at*

Christ's table, we accept a way of life that embraces God's definition of love, peace, grace, and joy.” Marcia McPhee

September 3rd, Communion Sunday Come to the Table

“Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor... Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers... Bless those who persecute you... Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep... Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are... If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink...

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12: 9-21

Jesus' lesson at the last supper was clear... the meal of the kin-dom of God is for all. Saint, strangers, those who persecute and betray you, those who are joyful and those who weep. The author of the epistle letter to the Romans reminds us and invites us to do as Jesus did—“do not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good.” In the words of Jesus, “take up your cross and follow me.” This requires that we follow God's way in offering a good meal at God's table for all of God's guests.

September 10th, Rally Sunday
The Table of Love

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."

Romans 13:8-10

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

Matthew 18:20.

September 17th
The Table of Peace

Jesus often confounded those for whom acceptance was conditional—when it required making sure specific laws were being followed. This litmus test of love leaves little room for grace. Jesus chose time and again to seek out the intention of someone's heart—to gather together and engage in conversation as a way of moving toward right relationship. What happens when we seek to "do no wrong" to our neighbor, moving beyond boundaries into reciprocal understanding?

"Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God." *Romans 14:10-12*

"Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'"

Matthew 18:21-22

We welcome each other at the table even when we disagree. Coming to tables of peacemaking is hard work. We must be willing to suspend our propensity for making ourselves the judge of others. Forgiveness is on the menu at God's table and we are called to sit down and find merciful ways to deal with one another despite our differences.

September 24th
The Table of Grace

"I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly

in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again." *Philippians 1:25-26*

"Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last." *Matthew 20:1-16*

God's table is one of plenty! God decides how much to give and gives more than we can ever imagine; more grace than we expect. God even gives more than we would give ourselves. In the face of such abundance, we are called to be generous as God is generous. Indeed, at God's potluck of grace, even the last in line have more than enough to eat!

BOARD OF DEACONS

Contact any deacon if you are interested in being an usher one Sunday. We'd love to have your help. Call Ralph Giannetti at 508-226-4618 and let him know if you need a lift.

HUMAN RESOURCES

There are a lot of things about Church life you don't quite realize until you get involved beyond sitting through a worship service. Committee life is one of those things. If you grew up in Church you might have a vague idea that there's a need, people meet, and somehow things in Church get done, but you never really considered what happens in between. Although practices vary, much of the work of the church is done by board and committee members. While these groups may have different functions, the Church's purpose should provide a common thread; the church has tasks to be done and decisions to be made. These groups of people meet together, brainstorm, strategize, make recommendations or decisions and plans on how to effectively do ministry in certain areas of the church. For a number of reasons, many Churches have found that there are not as many volunteers available as there once were. We want to thank all our Board and Committee members that have served in the past and continue to serve for the countless hours of work you have done.

Thanks, Sue and Jessie

*'We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give'*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THANKSGIVING IN THE KITCHEN

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARLOR

Saturday, November 4, 2016

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our annual Church Fair is fast approaching – just a little more than two months away! We hope you have been saving up small household items and tools for Grandma's Attic/Grandpa's Garage as well as toys, recent release books (no magazines or text books), DVDs, jewelry, games and puzzles. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate large items, furniture, computer or stereo equipment, bikes or clothing). Please call the Church office if you have a question about an item. Items may be left inside the back door to Fellowship Hall on the stairs to the stage.

For those of you canning/preserving your garden bounty (pickles, relishes, jams/jellies, etc.) over the summer, please consider making donations to Ruthie's Pantry. Empty jars can be donated as well. Craft items and knit goods will also be graciously accepted.

We are preparing for another successful Silent Auction for our Fair this year. If you have a special item or talent that you think would work, please speak with Fred or Sandy Saunders.

Small pots of the two- to five-inch variety are needed to create variety for the plant table at the Fall Church Fair. Many of the plants slated for the fair have thrived this summer -- with hand watering -- and need to be divided. Call Anne or Henry Reiley at 508-222-6146 to arrange for pickup or delivery.

If you have any suggestions for our Fair, please feel free to call Sandy Saunders or, better yet, attend our next Women's Fellowship meeting on Sunday, October 1st at 11:15 am. We'd love to hear from you!

Our annual Fair is an all-Church event and we need everyone's help to make it successful. A representative from Women's Fellowship will be in Fellowship Hall at coffee hour each Sunday in October with a list of opportunities. **Please stop by – we are sure to have an opportunity for you!**

Women's Fellowship Exec. Committee

CRAFTING FOR THE FAIR

The cool weather has us thinking ahead. We don't like to rush things but there are times when you need to prepare. If anyone has been doing any projects for the fair, please let us know. We are grateful for any help but don't want to duplicate efforts. Please call Roberta at 508-524-8708 or Pam at 508-369-6773 to let us know what you are working on.

Thank you, and don't be afraid to leave a message. If you have items you need to get out of the house, drop them off at the church office and they will be secured until the Fair.

MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle will hold a meeting for lunch and fellowship at a date to be determined between the church fair and Christmas. All women of the church are welcome. Give me or the church office a call if you are interested but not yet on our list or if you have any questions

Linda Wiswall

ONE PLUS ONE

O AHOY, ME HEARTIES! Please join us on September 23rd at 6:00 PM for the Outreach & Missions Pirate Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Dress in your finest pirate regalia and eat some fine grub with your fellow seadogs at tables reserved for us scourges of the seven seas!

Colin Blair

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR SCHEDULES:

Our first rehearsals will be Thursday, September 7th (the Thursday after Labor Day), at the regular times: Bells, 6:30-7:30, Adult Choir, 7:30-9:00.

The Adult Choir will sing in church for the first time on Rally Sunday (September 10) and on the remaining Sundays in September. Bells will set a date for playing in church at one of the first rehearsals.

JOIN US!

The beginning of the season is the perfect time to become A CHOIR MEMBER. No audition or advance permission necessary – just come to the first rehearsal or any one after that (see the times above).

The Adult Choir sings mostly every Sunday. Rehearsals include the regular 90-minute sessions on Thursdays, and a

20-25 minute warm-up on Sunday mornings beginning around 9:10 a.m. Bells rehearse for an hour on Thursdays and play in church every six weeks or so.

Our rehearsals are organized and efficient, but fun and enjoyable. I'm committed to making sure that we finish on time and that there are no surprise extra rehearsals, long rehearsals, or short-notice performances. And – important to note – there's no requirement that you attend every rehearsal or be in church every Sunday. It's understood that work or travel schedules sometimes take precedence, and, of course, that illnesses or sudden emergencies have a way of happening.

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

Many thanks for Summer Music!

Rather than having an All-Comers Choir this summer, I took a different tack and invited soloists and various ensembles to be our "special music" on the Sundays that worked out in their schedules. On the two or three open dates, we had hymn sings (which everyone seemed to enjoy).

My sincere gratitude to all the participating musicians: Cathy Giannetti, Wilma Johnson, members of the Bell Choir, our Praise Band (Tara, Joe, John, and Laurie), and Second Church members of Oure Pleasure. I appreciate your contributions of music and time during our usual vacation months in the music program.

INTERGENERATIONAL SACRED DANCE

I hope that everyone had a great summer with at least a little bit of dancing in the sun or under the stars. We will be resuming Saturday morning intergenerational dance on October 14th and all ages and experience levels are welcome to join us. Please check out the October VOICE for details on this year's Hanging of the Greens. If you have any questions about the program please let me know.

Diane Osborne

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The PSM will meet on Monday, September 11th at 12:30 in the Ladies' Parlor. Shawls continue to be a tremendous comfort to individuals

experiencing a loss, illness or other traumatic event in their lives. Newmembers are always welcome. We will teach you the ropes. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Roberta Ferguson

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

The Food Pantry distributed bags of food to about 20 families last month. Donations of food decline during the summer months, but demand by patrons does not. Please remember the food pantry when you shop for groceries. The next distribution is August 28th (fourth Monday of the month, 4-6 p.m.). Spaghetti sauce, canned Ravioli and Beef-A-Roni, dry cereals (especially children's), rice, real fruit juices, tuna, peanut butter, hearty soups, toiletries, detergent, and bathroom tissue are always welcome. The drop-off site is in the Ladies Parlor with the Deacons each Sunday. Contact: Betsey Pray, rlpbpp@verizon.net if you have questions.

Our local Habitat chapter will kick off a new home repair service in our area. Local projects are currently being identified. It appears that 2nd Church volunteers will be able to "own" a particular project on a particular date, starting in September. Any are welcome to attend a kick-off reception at the Habitat ReStore on Route 1 at 6:00 on August 24th. Contact Charlie Oliver at 508-226-2319 if you want to come. *This type of job closely matches the recommendations of our past Mission Trip participants.* Stay tuned for more details.

O&M volunteers sold lots of strawberry shortcake at Attleboro's Expo for the Senses in June. City officials requested that we do it again at Attleboro's fireworks. Though it was not easy, we raised nearly \$1,000 for O&M projects and put the face of 2nd Church out there into the community! And the dividends were mighty tasty too!

SAVE THE DATE

O&M will celebrate *International Talk Like a Pirate Day* with a Church/community dinner on **September 23rd at 6:00 PM.** All are welcome, but you must talk like a pirate to be admitted. Also, we ask that everyone come with a bag of groceries for our depleted Food Pantry. A free-will donation will also be appreciated.

There will be pirate food, musical entertainment by Oure Pleasure's Pirate Choir, and **PRIZES!** Reserve seats through the office. So get out your pirate gear and be ready.

A-r-r-r-r-

The next Family Café will be **Wednesday, September 13th** in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers to set-up, prepare food, serve beverages, greet, work with children, clear tables, break down tables & chairs, or wash pots & pans are needed anytime between 4 and 6 p.m.

The next Outreach & Missions meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 17th** at 11:15 a.m. in the Ladies Parlor.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Let the Children Come to Me"
Matthew 19:13-15



September is upon us; soon the summer heat will be coming to an end and cool crisp air will be filling our lungs. God will soon be demonstrating an artistic talent by transforming our landscape from lush green to a vibrant autumn color pallet. The 2017-2018 Sunday School year will bring many exciting changes as we embark on a journey to discover what it means to participate in our sacraments of communion and baptism. Rally Day on September 10th will mark the official start to Sunday School Registration, but rest assured that Sunday School Registration is ongoing. If you are unable to make it to Rally Day you may register at any time.

We will begin our discovery of the sacraments by learning about the sacrament of communion. It is with a great celebration that we begin the year with the *Joyful Feast* program. This program will explore the Biblical background for our understanding of Communion, including the Passover roots of our Christian sacrament. As part of our program the youngest among us will be making the loaves of bread that will be offered throughout the year during communion.

The *Joyful Feast* program is a program written by the staff at Second

Congregational Church of Boxford, UCC and has been shared on the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ website for others to adapt to fit their unique programs. As we engage this program our children will be learning that communion is a celebration of Jesus' love. During communion, we remember Jesus' love. Our children will gain an understanding that communion is a way that Jesus feeds us with his love. Our parents provide food for us because they love us. God feeds us with this special food, called the Eucharist, to remind us that God loves us.

The children will discover that we call this sacrament Communion because Communion means coming together, and when we share *in this meal we come together as God's family. This is why we wait and take the meal together*, as a family. Because communion is coming together as a family of God to give thanks to God by remembering what God has done for us, and all the world.

It is our hope that by participating in the *Joyful Feast* program the children of Second Church will understand that during communion we gather together as God's family. To give thanks for all that God has done, remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper, share what we hope for the future, and finally we break the bread together. As well as be able to articulate what they have discovered about the sacrament of communion during service on November 5th. The *Joyful Feast* program will begin on September 17th and run through October 29th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in our classrooms please contact Amie K. McCarthy.

THE SECOND CHURCH NURSERY

The Second Church Nursery needs you! In order to provide care for our nursery age children we need a volunteer in our nursery every week. If we do not have a volunteer we will not be able to open our nursery. Please see the sign-up list on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact Amie K. McCarthy as soon as you know which week you can volunteer.

YOUTH GROUP

This year's Youth Group will explore

opportunities to build fellowship and community among the group. An email will be going out to all youth and their families to help us discern the date and time to meet to discuss this new group direction. Rest assured we are working to provide the best experience we can for the youth of Second Church.

Peace to You,

*The Christian Education Committee,
and Amie K. McCarthy*

NOTES FROM YOUR

MEMBER IN DISCERNMENT/SEMINARIAN:

As part of my course work and ordination processes throughout this summer I completed 520 hours of field education as a pastoral intern at First Christian Congregational Church, UCC in Swansea, MA. Under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick I participated in all aspects of pastoral ministry from hospital visits to planning weddings and funerals, as well as working with staff to plan weekly services and bible study series. There are no words to describe how blessed I feel to have been invited into the life of the Swansea congregation. I have learned so much about pastoral ministry, and my experience has been invaluable as my ministry takes shape.

As I look toward the 2017-2018 academic year I am excited to be continuing to work toward my Masters in Divinity at Boston University School of Theology (BUSTH). It is also my hope to complete my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) throughout the coming academic year. At this point in my pastoral education I am a little over halfway through my educational program at BUSTH and I will be working diligently with the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, Old Colony Association Commission on Ministry to discern call into ministry. As I approach the latter half of my journey I joyfully embark on the most challenging part of my journey into ministry. I am excited to see where this journey will lead me and I am thankful to be walking this journey with the Second Church Congregation. Thank you for all your support!

Shalom, Amie K. McCarthy



Happy September!

We welcomed our new and returning students to playground days in late August. Activities were set out and the children and their parents had the opportunity to meet new friends, share a snack, and have their questions answered. These days help ease parents and children into our school community! They are also a wonderful opportunity for the teachers to get acquainted with some of their students and parents in a relaxed atmosphere.

The teachers reported back on 8/30/17

and all signs point to another successful year here at Jack and Jill! We are welcoming one new staff member, Katelyn Vivar. Katelyn will serve as Pre-K assistant teacher. She comes to us with a wealth of volunteer work with young children under her belt. She is looking forward to launching a new career with young children.

We have had two very successful planning meetings to discuss celebrations for our 70th anniversary. Special 70th anniversary t-shirts will be for sale at the start of the school year! We are also working on an initiative to complete 70 acts of kindness as a community over the course of this school year. Lastly, we have reserved Saturday, June 23, 2018 for our 70th anniversary celebration. We will hold our next 70th anniversary planning meeting on Monday, September 25th if you are interested in attending. The meetings will be held at 6:30 in Kara's office.

We are always seeking volunteers to share their talents with our students. If you have something to share with us, please don't hesitate to call. The students have been reaping the benefits of Mr. Chuck Opdycke's weekly reading for the past 2 years. He is a valued member of our community and there is always room for you too! ☺

We will start our year off offering several enrichment type activities to our students. All of our 4/5 year old classes will enjoy monthly visits from Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary and Enrichment 4's will also start off with an 8 week session with Sensei Michael of Lotus Studios! We are off and running this year!

We will begin our school year on September 11, 2017! We have opened a second three year old class, so if you know of anyone looking for pre-school, encourage them to call me at 508-222-1149 or check out our website at www.jackandjillattleboro.com! Thank you for your continued support of our school!
Warmly, Kara Lehane



September Birthdays

- 5 Eleanor Bassler
Ray Guild
Marsha Richardson
- 6 Michael LaClair
Joe Nuovo
Russ Pray
- 9 Laurie Sawyer
- 10 Tisha Lancaster
- 11 Jay Miller, Jr.
John Newport
Evan Tetreault
- 12 Tom Richards
- 13 McKenzie Blair
Phillip Case
- 16 Alex Saunders
Alex Vecchioli
- 18 Zachary LaClair
- 20 Nancy Smith
- 22 Julie Cormier
- 23 John Brodeur
April Nuovo
- 24 Sharyn LaClair
- 25 Kayla Johnston
- 30 Erin Bassler

Thanksgiving in the Kitchen, Christmas in the Parlor

Saturday, November 4, 2017
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

featuring

Our Kitchen Menu

9-11 - BREAKFAST – Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit Cup
Pumpkin or Apple Pie, Coffee and Tea

11-1:30 LUNCH – Sandwiches, Meatball Subs, Macaroni & Cheese,
Beef Barley Soup & Minestrone Soup

Yummy Desserts Hot and Cold Drinks
Fresh Chocolate Chip Cookies and Apple & Pumpkin Pies

The Main Attractions!

Christmas Decorations and Ornaments

Silent Auction!

Ruthie's Pantry filled with jams, candy, pickles,
Home-baked beans and fabulous grape-nut pudding

Nana's Oven - Homemade Desserts and Breads

Hand Knitted and Crocheted Apparel

Grandma's Attic and Grandpa's Garage

Including Previously Enjoyed Books, CDs, VCR Tapes and Puzzles
gently used Christmas Decorations, Antiques and Collectibles

Jewelry Table

Plant Table

Pet Table

Elf Prints from Benny the Elf

Sousa's Toyland

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 1 7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 AM Worship / Communion 11:15 AM Music Committee Meeting	4 Labor Day; Office is Closed	5 7:30 PM Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting	6 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Confirmation Informational Meeting	7 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	8	9 7:00 PM Contemporary Worship Service
10 RALLY DAY! 9:30 AM CE Registration 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM ALL-CHURCH LUNCHEON!	11 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting	12	13 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting 5:30 PM Family Café 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	14 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting Christian Education Committee Meeting	18 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	19 6:30 PM Administration Committee Meeting	20 October Voice Deadline 6:30 PM Cub Scouts ◇ 7:00 PM PFLAG Meeting	21 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	22	23 9:00 to Noon All Church Work Day! 6:00 PM Talk Like a Pirate Dinner! <i>Arrrr</i> 7:00 PM Contemporary Worship Service
24 10:00 AM Worship 11:20 AM Church Council Meeting	25 4:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	26	27 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 to 8:30 PM Visioning Meeting	28 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	29	30

RALLY DAY!
SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY
SEPTEMBER 23RD, 9:00 TO NOON

O&M 'TALK LIKE A PIRATE' SUPPER
SEPTEMBER 23RD, 6:00 PM

CHURCH FAIR!
NOVEMBER 4TH, 9 AM-2 PM