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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

KEEPING YOU INFORMED....AND WORKING ON ACCEPTANCE

It is November, the month in which we celebrate GRATITUDE, and so I begin with an attitude of thanksgiving for our beloved community of faith and the caring ministries and actions that pour forth from it. Thank you, thank you, you, the community of living saints who love God and bring that love into the world in caring action!

As I write, I have just returned from a check-up with my physician to assess the recovery process from Post-Concussion Syndrome. Another point of gratitude for me is that I have a wonderful team of practitioners guiding me through this experience. After a bit of a setback over the summer, I am glad to report that with the practice of vigilance in alternating shorter periods of activity with periods of rest, I am feeling quite a bit better. It is hard to accept any new limitation, yet I am learning that the key to recovering from Mild Traumatic Brain Injury is indeed acceptance of the realities of the situation. It seems paradoxical, but working creatively with what IS, rather than acting on what I WISH this situation would hurry up and get to, allows me much more steady progress and freedom. This is one of the many spiritual lessons of this strange time.

As of November 1, I am permitted to work 28 hours per work, up by 4 hours a week. Not as much as I'd like, but it is what both my neurologist and my PCP will allow at this point. At first, such slow movement greatly disappointed me, but one thing I learn over and over again with this injury is that it is better to be the tortoise than the hare! The tortoise makes steady progress; whenever the hare takes over, things do not go so well and setbacks occur. So, it's slow and steady, and onward we go!

Meanwhile, our church continues to thrive and blossom, and this is only possible because a number of you have taken on a whole lot of extra work to keep things going. My gratitude to you who have done so is enormous, my admiration deep, and my enthusiasm for the skill and caring you show bountiful! To mention just a few: Jo Szirbik and Ginny Schweitzer, who have effectively become Associate Pastors; Julie Margolis, our well-organized Harbor Master; Carol Lundgren, the first liaison with the Workers Compensation folks; Janice Brejwo, who has been confronted with and untangled many logistical snafus arising from working out the confusing payment issues that have arisen; all of you who have assumed extra visitation duties and on and on I thank you.

Though it is not entirely clear when I will be back in the full-time saddle again, I feel hope that it won't be too much longer. I tell myself every day: ACCEPT and ALTERNATE. Accept that it is necessary to alternate activity with rest throughout the day.

May you be filled with gratitude today, and may you find God's blessings of grace, peace, love, strength and faith in surprising places, too.

Blessings and peace, and a Blessed Thanksgiving to all,
Mary

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1: 3-5

**SAVERS FUNDRAISER
COLLECTION DATE—NOVEMBER 1ST**

We have a new fundraiser! There's a store, Savers, in Newington, NH that buys items based on weight from charitable organizations. We just recently set up an account with Savers and we're now planning our first collection drive. While the store does take other items, we've decided to focus on "soft" items that can be put in plastic bags. These items can include clothing, bedding, accessories (belts, purses, scarves, etc), towels, shoes, etc. All items must be bagged.

Please bring to the church and place on the porch connected to the Parish Helper addition - as you look at the front of the church, it's the porch to the right of the church entrance. **All items must be dropped off by November 1st.** If you can't get your bags to church or if you have any questions, please contact Patricia Golden at 603-522-8225. Or email her at goldenpj@gmail.com. We collect, they fund, easy and done!

Julie Kessler

THANKSGIVING DAY

Our Congregational Pilgrim fathers celebrated a feast at Plymouth for three days after their first harvest in 1621. The exact date is unknown, but it included 50 persons who were on the Mayflower (all who remained of the 100 who had landed) and 90 Native Americans.

Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, after Congress requested a proclamation from George Washington. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November.
Source: Wikipedia

Linda Petkunas

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Budget (Non-restricted): July 1, 2017 ó Sept 30, 2017

General Income:	\$ 37,318.19
Additional Income Sources:	\$ 10,200.00
Expenditures:	<u>\$(48,356.97)</u>
Net Expenses over Income	\$ (838.78)

Checking Non-Restricted balance:	\$ 5,919.88
Checking Restricted Funds balance:	<u>\$ 3,416.91</u>
Total Checking A/C balance: 9/30/17	\$ 9,336.79

As you can see above, expenses now outpace income as of the end of September by over \$800. There were some rather large one-time expenses in September.

Two new stoves were purchased. The cost of \$2,680 came out of the maintenance line of the budget. The stoves were installed in October and the cost for the installation will be paid as soon as we receive an invoice.

Alas, the roof also required a good amount of work during September. The Capital Campaign funds provided the \$9,000 needed to replace part of the roof. The other roof repairs, costing \$2,650, came out of Building & Grounds Reserve and Maintenance lines.

We began the year with some cash in the bank. This, as well as receipts of additional income from unrestricted gifts from the Parish Helpers and the Alden Young Trust allows us to maintain a cash balance in the bank to cover all of our expenses.

FUNdraising meetings, led by Julie Kessler, are continuing to be held on a regular basis. It is never too late to join the FUN! For time, date and location of the next meeting, call the office or ask Julie Kessler.

*Janice Brejwo and Annie Gehring, Co-Treasurers:
fccwtreasurer@gmail.com*

MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

Book and CD (Fellowship Hall, Poetry Section). This book expands on the song with the same title written and composed by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene. It explores how Jesus's mother, Mary, must have thought and felt about the profound experiences she went through by bringing together scriptural verses, the reflections of many authors and beautiful images. Our thanks to Janet Twombly for donating this book and CD to our library.

Linda Petkunas

**ZIM PKZ TEAM
FAMOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Another famous Pancake Breakfast will be held on **October 28th**, 7:30 to 11:30 AM at the church. On the menu will be 4 different flavors of pancakes plus scrambled eggs, sausage & muffins, coffee, tea, cocoa & juice. Gluten-free pancakes will also be offered. All for just \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids, under 5 eat free or a family of 4, (2 adults and 2 kids) for \$22.

Proceeds will benefit the Zim PKZ-team's missions in Zimbabwe! Please come and join us.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTING

Oh My Goodness, can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner? As a congregation and citizens of Wakefield, we have so much to be thankful for. We have such abundance that new storage facilities are constantly opening just so we can store our items that we think are so important to hang on to. This year instead of accumulating more and more things maybe we can share our abundance in a humanitarian manner.

If food, family and faith aren't enough to celebrate the coming Holiday season and you must give a gift to someone, make it an "Alternative" gift. Our church provides us an opportunity to give the gift of love, and life through organizations like; Heifer, the local Food Pantry, support for the youth of Zimbabwe through FOOT, and contributing really close to home through the Feddern Discretionary Fund used right here in our beloved church community. These are 4 ways that we can pass on our abundance that truly makes a difference. Your loved one probably doesn't need another piece of clothing or tool. Instead send them a card that indicates that you have donated to one of these organizations in their name.

George and I give every year a card to our God Daughter indicating that in her name a contribution supporting a FOOT child has been dedicated. Rachel is now a Junior in college, but for many years she has been excited to receive that card knowing that her God Parents are helping a child in Zimbabwe to go to school.

Displays in the Fellowship Hall will be made available very soon for you to view and choose the card and organization you wish to sponsor. Let's give the gift of love and life this season. Blessings,

Donna V Ackerman, Outreach Coordinator

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Once again I feel like it's too warm, too sunny, too summer-like and NOT the time to be thinking about Christmas! ..BUT the Advent Season will be upon us in about 6 weeks and the ordering of poinsettias will need to begin soon.

The prices this year are the same as last year and are as follows:

6" Single Poinsettia	\$12.50
Double Poinsettia	\$24.95
Triple Poinsettia	\$35.95

The deadline for ordering will be December 3rd. We will have order forms available by Sunday, November 5th. Orders can be left in the Visual & Decorative Arts box or with Julie Margolis, Congregational Life Administrator.

Thank you in advance for your contributions to making our church sanctuary especially beautiful during the holiday season.

Deborah Smiley

P.S. Looks like **The Hanging of the Greens** will occur on either December 1st in the afternoon or December 2nd in the morning prior to the Bell Choir Concert. Look for more details in the church bulletin in the coming weeks.

SHEPHERD PROGRAM DRIVERS NEEDED

The Shepherd Program is a wonderful ministry that offers rides to people in the Wakefield/ Brookfield area to medical appointments.

If you can occasionally help out by offering rides, please contact the church. A certificate of insurance is required.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Our home, 54 Province Lake Road, is for sale. We purchased this historic home, the former church parsonage, nine years ago. Our realtor will host an Open House from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 4. We encourage interested home shoppers to come - please spread the word. We welcome your interest and referrals.

Jan & David Fairchild

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We'd love to have you come participate with us on Tuesdays at noon as we gather to learn, share, struggle and laugh all while we grow in our faith.

Please consider joining us this month as we continue to delve into the Book of Acts. While there is a study guide, all that's really necessary to participate is just to pick up the Bible and read the scripture that we're studying for that particular class. And even then, we typically re-read at least a portion of the scripture in class. No need to have come to any of the previous classes!

The following is the list of lessons thru the end of November (which will take us to the end of Part 2 of a three part study on Acts):

- Oct 31 - Lesson 3 - Everyone Gets to Grow and Change: Paul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-31)
- Nov 7 - Lesson 4 - Diversity Training: Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1-48)
- Nov 14 - Lesson 5 - Jail Break: Peter's Great Escape (Acts 12:1-24)
- Nov 21 - NO CLASS
- Nov 28 - Lesson 6: Growing Pains: It Takes All Kinds to be the Church (Acts 15:1-41)

And this December, we will be taking a break from Acts to do an Advent study based on the UCC's Stillspeaking Writer's Group 2017 Advent Devotional. The booklet contains daily devotions through all of Advent and we will come together each Tuesday in Advent (starting on Dec 2nd) to share thoughts and insights into these readings.

Julie Kessler

Wakefield Memorial Bells presents Broadway, Beatles, and Bach at Christmas

Saturday, December 2, 2017
First Congregational Church of Wakefield
located in historic Wakefield Village

Performances at 2:30 and 5:00
\$10.00 suggested donation

The Wakefield Inn will be offering three seatings for a delicious meal before, between, and after the concerts. Reservations are advised at 522-8272.

Don't forget!!
Set your clocks back
before you go to sleep
on November 5th!



“BROADWAY, BEATLES & BACH AT CHRISTMAS”

We would like to invite you to enjoy a Broadway, Beatles & Bach at Christmas concert presented by The Wakefield Memorial Handbell Choir. The event will be held on Dec. 2 with a snow date of Dec. 16. There will be 2 concerts— one at 2:30 in the afternoon followed by a 2nd presentation at 5:00pm. In addition, The Wakefield Inn will have 3 dinner seatings to correspond with the concerts—at 12:30, 3:30 and 7:00pm.

The Handbell Choir is a member of the Handbell Musicians of America Guild and attended workshops at the Area 1 Festival Conference held in Amherst, Ma this past summer—learning and mastering many beautiful and challenging techniques which they are eager to share for your enjoyment!

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person and the proceeds will help to support the Handbell music program, the missions of the First Congregational Church of Wakefield, UCC, and the Wakefield Food Pantry.

For more information, please contact the Church at 603-522-3189. For dinner reservations, please call the Wakefield Inn at 603-522-8272.

CONCERT – CAN YOU HELP?

Not only is the Bell Concert bound to provide an afternoon of joyous and fun celebration, it will also be a major fundraiser for the Church and a chance to share our Christmas spirit with all who attend!

Of course, this means we need to put our collective best feet forward. Your help will certainly be welcome for as long (or short) as you may be able to assist. We will need help hosting the event, welcoming folks, ticket sales, hospitality snacks and parking. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

If you would like to be a part of this event, please contact the Church at 603-522-3189 or email fccwakefieldnh@gmail.com or call Chris Feddern at 603-973-6178 or email cfeddern1@gmail.com. Please leave a message!

Harvest Fair

The Harvest Fair is one of our biggest FUNdraisers of the year. It takes many hands to pull of a successful event. Here are some ways you can help! Ginny Schweitzer is organizer, so if you have questions, or want to volunteer and don't have a job yet, give her a call at 522-9593.

COOKIE TINS

We have a supply of small cookie tins donated by Ginny and Dave Schweitzer and all you need to do is fill them up! These tins sold out easily at the Fair last year and we look forward to the same this year! Just bake your favorite cookie recipe, place them in the plastic bag provided and then in the tin! Please label your tin so people can see what they are buying. Don't forget! sugar-free and gluten-free cookies are big sellers as well. Tins are available at the church or talk to Ginny (522-9593).

GIFT BASKET FRENZY

It's time to start designing your Harvest Fair Gift Baskets! Let us help you get started with these tips:



- Pick a Theme. Be creative!
- Collect 5-10 items. Be sure to shop the local dollar store and clearance racks for great deals.
- Be thoughtful on basket value, keeping within \$15 to \$30 selling value.
- Invite a friend to join in! Be creative and enjoy!

- Contact Denine and let her know you are wildly excited and are in for this year's Gift Basket Frenzy! 603-387-0590 or
- dafoulks@netzero.com

CHILI, CHOWDER, SOUP AND MORE

A delicious, warming lunch will be offered during the Fair. Choose chili, chowder or hot dogs or chili dogs or a vegetarian minestrone soup. Something for everyone! Combo lunches will be offered from \$4 to \$6 or order a la carte! Cider donuts and coffee will be served in the morning while they last!

THE PENNY SALE

The Harvest Fair on November 11 will again feature the Ever Popular Penny Sale! I am looking for donations of appropriate items. Gift Certificates from area businesses are always very popular. I do not have a problem asking from the places I frequent as a customer, but it's all those others that are hard.

If anyone is a regular customer at a local business, would you offer to do the asking? I have found that business owners get overwhelmed with requests, especially at this time of year, but are willing when the asking is from a valued customer. Please drop me a line if you can help out, wouldn't want to repeat the request!

Also, if you have gift certificates laying around that you don't think will get used, please consider re-gifting them! Thanks.

Nancy Dee buddee10@roadrunner.com

Jewelry Table! Do you have costume jewelry you no longer want? Bring it in to add to our Jewelry booth!

PIES AND BREADS

Pie and quiche are big sellers at our fairs. Evy Truhn and Jo Szirbik are heading up that department. Please offer to bake a pie (or quiche) or two or perhaps some bread for this popular table! There are aluminum pie pans available at the church.

PROMOTE THE FAIR!

And lastly, help us promote the fair. Look for posts about the fair on Facebook at our church FB page <https://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalChurchofWakefieldUCC/> And SHARE

Tell your friends and family to come to the Fair! It's a fun day with good deals from our own booths and the vendors who rent a space from us. Great time to start your holiday shopping!

Don't forget! Lunch! A great meal at a reasonable price!

A very special handmade quilt has been donated. Come to the fair and see it for yourself and find out how you may come to own it!

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	November 1st First Pick Up for SAVERS Fundraiser See Page 2 for details		1 Scrabble 10 a.m. Diaconate -4 p.m. Girl Scouts— 5:30–6:30 p.m.	2 Community String Band 6:30 p.m.	3	4  TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship and Com- munion—10 a.m. Coffee Hour Bells Practice -6:30	6 Caregivers’ Support Group Choir Practice 6 p.m.	7 Bible Study 12 noon	8 Pairs and Spares Girl Scouts— 5:30– 6:30 p.m.	9 Parish Helpers 1 p.m. Community String Band 6:30 p.m.	10 Fair Set-up 3:30–5 p.m.	11 HARVEST FAIR 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 
12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Family Sunday Worship —10 a.m. Coffee Hour Bells Practice 6:30 p.m.	13 Choir Practice 6 p.m.	14 Scrabble 10 a.m. Bible Study 12 noon Centering Prayer 3:30 p.m.	15 Girl Scouts— 5:30–6:30 p.m.	16 Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Bereavement Support—11 a.m. Community String Band 6:30 p.m.	17	18
19 24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship and Church School—10 a.m. Special Coffee Hour Leadership Council Bells Practice 6:30	20 Choir Practice 6 p.m.	21 Bible Study 12 noon	22 Girl Scouts— 5:30–6:30 p.m.	23 THANKSGIVING DAY 	24	25
26 Last Sunday After Pentecost Worship and Church School—10 a.m. Coffee Hour Bells Practice 6:30 STEEPLE VIEWS DEADLILNE	27 Choir Practice 6 p.m.	28 Bible Study 12 noon	29 Girl Scouts— 5:30–6:30 p.m.	30 Community String Band 6:30 p.m.		

MEET THE DUPLINSKY FAMILY



John, Sarah and 15-month-old James live in nearby Effingham on 87 beautiful acres of land in a 1700s vintage home raising chickens, turkeys and bees! John was introduced to the FCCW family by George and Donna Ackerman who met John at Spaulding High School where he teaches biology. Sarah is a nurse practitioner working at a private medical group in Conway.

John grew up in Portland Maine while Sarah is from Plymouth Maine, about 2 hours away. They met during their high school years through mutual high school friends. Then they went to different colleges ó John to Northern Maine in Farmington majoring in secondary science education while Sarah went to UNH in nursing.

After graduating from college, they both ended up in Portland and were reunited when Sarah's friend was married to a childhood friend of James's. They fell in love, married and started their family with handsome little James.

They were invited to FCCW by the Ackermans and immediately felt at home in our warm church community and they really enjoy Pastor Mary. They enjoy the outdoors and feel close to the land and John likes to hunt and fish. John is handy at home structural maintenance which is helpful considering the 240+ year old home they own. Fortunately John's parents have a similar older home and land nearby so James is well taken care of by his loving grandparents.

Dave Schweitzer

PARISH HELPERS BEING CELEBRATED ON NOVEMBER 19

The Parish Helpers are 160 years old and going strong! And will be recognized as such at our church worship service on **Sunday, November 19**. A special coffee hour will be hosted by the men of the church in appreciation of all that this amazing women's group has done for the church over more than a century and a half!

It's going to be a special event to be sure, and we hope to see many Parish Helpers and friends there to celebrate with us!

MEET DANA AND JULIE MARGOLIS



In 2013 Julie Owen had been a single mom for 6 years with three children juggling the responsibilities of providing and being a supportive mom to Nicole, Amber and Sam and living in Auburn, New Hampshire. She found riding her motorcycle was one of the few ways to relax after long days and workweeks. While relaxing in a local hangout one evening, she was being annoyed by another biker when a handsome confirmed bachelor named Dana who also rode a bike intervened on her behalf and a romance was born.

Dana Margolis was a career law enforcement officer with over 25 years of experience and a strong sense of personal justice when he observed Julie being accosted that evening. He struck up a conversation with her and soon they began to date. Their first date was a hike up Mount Major. Julie was working in the corporate world as a talented administrator. The relationship between bachelor Dana and guarded Julie built slowly. Dana was never put off by Julie's three kids and soon Dana's confirmed bachelorhood dissolved in true love and he asked Julie to marry him.

They were married last fall in a beautiful ceremony overlooking Lake Wentworth and found a beautiful waterfront home on Belleau Lake. At the same time Julie decided the corporate world was over for her. Coincidentally, the FCCW was looking for a special talented person to assume the first time ever position of Congregational Life Administrator. The moon and stars aligned for both Julie and Dana's romance and the church's destiny.

Dave Schweitzer

HEART SAVERS CPR/AED TRAINING

NH CPR Safety Services will hold training sessions at FCCW on two dates:

Saturday, January 13 at 10 a.m.

Saturday, February 16 at 10 a.m.

Cost: \$25 per person

Preregistration is required. Call the office at 522-3189

ZIM MICRO FINANCE PROGRAM = EMPOWERMENT, SELF RELIANCE, SUSTAINABILITY

I mentioned last time that our Zimbabwe Micro Finance program, small interest free loans, was getting off to a slow start due to uncertainty with the mix of US currency and the Zim bond notes. I am happy to report that the program is now underway with four new entrepreneurs. Nancy Chianga, Memory Khosa, Nomore Matende, and Daniel Chianga are each receiving \$100 after submitting their applications (with co-signers) and their business plans. Admire Matende*, our PKZ Special Projects Officer, has vetted the applicants with requests to spell out their business goals, the cost of their supplies, the repayment period, their projected income, and the anticipated profit. Nancy, Memory, and Daniel will all be vendors with Nancy and Memory selling second hand clothing purchased in nearby Mozambique along with some household utensils. Daniel has 12v batteries, bicycle tires, hoes, and a few other tools on his list to sell. Nomore will establish a poultry business.



Nancy Chianga

Nancy is a single mother of one and feels she is good at buying and selling. Currently she sells someone else's items and receives a commission but now she wants to start her own business. Memory is also a mother of one and is a university graduate but, like the majority of Zimbabweans, cannot find employment. Admire says she is "raring to go!"

Nomore is also a mother of one and is also a university graduate who is not working. Admire reports that Nomore has good entrepreneurial skills but she has no start-up capital. Each recipient will get \$100 worth of goods or supplies as applicants don't receive cash but rather the materials they need. They anticipate profits of \$75-\$96 after their contracted repayment period of 30-45 days. Imagine being excited about having that type of monthly income.

All money repaid will go to another round of applicants. The initial four will be expected to mentor new candidates as a "pay it forward" approach. I will update you on their journeys. Let's keep our newest PKZ entrepreneurs in our prayers!

*Admire, who is an honors level teacher of Divinity at Rimbi High School, was part of our 2014 team who assisted with the building of Nelly's house.

PRAYERS AT THE FLAGPOLE

On September 27 Dave and Ginny Schweitzer represented Rev. Mary at a special inspirational event at Ossipee Valley Christian School that Clark Davis attends. This is an annual prayer event the school holds before the start of their school day. They invite area pastors to join their students, staff and parents at 9 a.m.



around the school flagpole for a time of prayer for the military, emergency workers, local and federal leaders and local schools.

Ossipee Valley Christian School endeavors to serve their families by inspiring academic excellence and equipping students with the biblical understanding necessary to evaluate and transform their world for God's glory. The event featured a Pastoral Prayer, Pledges to the American Flag, Christian Flag and the Bible. We sang "America" and each grade group led a prayer for the military, all those that keep them safe, a prayer for their school, local schools, churches and homeschoolers, and a prayer for government, including state and federal leaders. They closed with an open prayer, Pastoral Prayer and finally sang "God Bless America".

We enjoyed a breakfast brunch afterwards and met Clark's teacher Headmaster Scott Weirick, other parents and local pastors. The event is a great example of leadership by our own Clark Davis and FCCW's participation in this fine community in vital ways.

Dave and Ginny Schweitzer

GUIDED MEDITATION AT PARISH HELPERS

At our next Parish Helpers meeting, we will welcome Cynthia Towle who will guide us in meditation for relaxation and stress relief. I'm sure this is something we can all appreciate at any time, but especially as the holiday season approaches.

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. on November 9th. Our hostesses are Rachel White, Julie Kessler, and Glenna Nelson. Devotions will be offered by Mary Bernier.

Hope to see you all there!

Carol Jeffery

Celebrations!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Mary Ann Fountain	20	Mary Beth Cook
2	Glenna Nelson	21	Berit Johannessen
3	Kim Cornell	22	Hector Livingston
4	Gail Feddern	23	Ann Bilodeau
5	Vincent Mangano	23	Bruce Levis
8	George Ackerman	25	Lauryn Robinson
14	Pam Wiggin	28	Tyler Domings
15	Lois Royle	28	Denine Foulks
15	Edna Wilson	29	Catherine Britton
19	Doug MacKenzie	29	Mary James

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4	Skip & Sharon Theiling
18	Bob & Ann Eaton
21	Hector & Marlena Livingston
26	Doug & Dorothy MacKenzie

WE DID IT! THANK YOU!

Dear Church Friends and Family ó

On September 30, I participated in the Polycystic Kidney Disease Walk for a Cure in Boston. This was my last time, and I had asked you to help me go out with a bang. Wow, did you come through!

This year, with your wonderful and generous help, I raised \$3,458! This is a new record for me. And that's just our part. The 2017 Boston Walk has received \$103,493.29 so far. (Nationally, this year's Walk has raised \$1,640,636.97 and counting.) Over the nine times I have participated in this Walk, you and I have raised a grand total of \$17,218. All of the money raised goes to the ongoing research to find treatments and a cure for this disease, which affects nearly a million people in the United States alone (many millions worldwide).

So once again I say thank you, and bless you, for all your contributions and your support ó

Harriet Wilson

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



We ask your continued prayers and support for those members of our church and wider community who are ill, or who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and for their families

AND FOR:

Those dealing with the aftermath of many natural disasters in the US and around the world.
Our global neighbors in places where there is great strife.

Our servicemen and women
Our friends at Rufumiso Church, Zimbabwe
Residents of the Nursing Homes and Retirement Communities in our area

TURNING LEAVES

Yes, it's time to button up ó the church, that is! Storm windows are being pulled down, fans and AC units put away, but ... there are always chores to do! We invite your help, if able, to spend a couple of hours (or more!) at church on Saturday, November 4th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. to take on some projects. We'll be cleaning the sanctuary chandelier, washing windows, raking leaves (and taking them to the dump) and getting ready for winter. Please call Carol Lundgren ([978 807-4041](tel:978-807-4041)) if you can come so the work can be well planned. If you have rakes, pruning shears, cleaning products ó please bring them along! Thanks!!!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year, and on that day we will offer ONE worship service at 4 p.m. This will be our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please mark your calendars now so that you don't come to an empty church at 10 that morning, or miss the service by showing up in the evening!



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WAKEFIELD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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FUNDrive SAVERS Donation Drive

**Keep It Green When You Clean
Drop off your items before November 1st**

Every donation of gently used clothing you make helps raise funds for the First Congregational Church of Wakefield. We collect, they fund, easy and done!

Soft Acceptable Items:

- Clothing
- Bedding
- Shoes
- Accessories
- "NO" Large Items

Drop Off:

- All items must be bagged.
- Drop off before November 1st.
- Drop off & place on the covered porch of the Parish Helpers addition.
- If you are not able to get your items to the church please contact Patricia Golden and arrange for a pick up.
603-522-8225 goldenpj@gmail.com