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Statement of Purpose

We gather as a faith community to love and magnify God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will love our neighbors as ourselves, advocating for peace and justice. We will go out and share our faith in Christ, inviting others to join us. We will be nurturers of the spirit and teachers of the Word. We will welcome and provide sanctuary to all.

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As gardeners of the spirit, we provide fertile soil to nurture both church and community, harvesting faith, compassion, and understanding of God's love, as taught by Jesus Christ.

Welcome!

At FCCR, you will find joyful hearts, open minds and a caring community. If you are a long-time church member, seeking a new spiritual community, or brand new to the very idea of "church"...if you are young or have young children or are mature beyond your years...if you are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, or in transition...no matter who you are, at FCCR, you are welcome to join us in celebrating God's love, sharing warm welcome, and offering sanctuary for all.

Worship in December

Sun., Dec. 5th – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Preparing a Place for Jesus: In Our Homes
Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
Communion & Dedication of Blue Advent Paraments
Church School & Nursery Care
Advent Outreach Collection for City Mission Society



Sun., Dec. 19th – 4th Sunday in Advent

Special Music Sunday
Preparing a Place for Jesus: In Our Hearts
Lighting the Advent Candle of Love
Church School & Nursery Care
Advent Outreach Collection for Reading Food Pantry

Friday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm – Intergenerational Christmas Eve Service for All Ages
Music: Chancel Choir, Soloists and Organ
10:00 pm – Service of Carols, Readings and Candlelight
Music: Handbell Ensemble, Soloists and Organ (continued on page 2)

Sun., Dec. 12th – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Preparing a Place for Jesus: In Our Stories
Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy
Church School & Nursery Care
Advent Outreach Collection for Emmaus House

Adult Spiritual Nurture in Advent

We are offering a special opportunity for all interested in exploring this year's Advent theme: "Preparing a Place for Jesus." We will gather on Sundays in December at noon in the Parlor. Come once, twice or for all three – Dec. 5th, 12th and 19th. Bring your own lunch to eat with others during Coffee Hour or run home after worship to drop the kids off and come back! Deepen your spiritual sense of the Advent and Christmas seasons!

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Dear Friends,

Hard as it may be to believe, 'TIS THE SEASON!

'Tis the season for waiting... and watching, for greening and decorating, for hoping and praying, for cocoa and cookies, for seeking, and... yes, for shopping! In the midst of all our Advent and Christmas activities, it is all too easy to lose track of what all of this is ABOUT.

So this year FCCR is entering into the season using the theme: *Preparing a Place for Jesus!*

In our worship, our adult spiritual nurture offering, the Advent Workshop on Dec. 5th and other occasions, we will be contemplating how and where Jesus fits into our faith and our lives, and how we may maintain our focus on the coming of God's love to live in our world.

So much of this season involves doing and going, yet we also long for just being with God and with one another. I hope you will join with all of our church as we seek to prepare a place to just let Jesus be with us and let ourselves be as well.

See you in church!

Many blessings,

Lisa



An Advent Note

Advent, as we know it today, is a creation of the Western churches that looked to Rome as their leader before the Protestant Reformation. There were two main streams flowing into it. The first came out of France, during the fourth century AD, probably from Celtic monks. A period of about six weeks before Christ's Mass was used as a penitential and devotional period, a lesser Lent. The second stream came from Rome, where there was a practice of having a three-to-six week fast during which they had to come to church regularly. This was a fast before the feast of Christmas time.

The current form of Advent crystallized under Pope Gregory I, who set the current four-week length, and wrote liturgical materials for use in Advent. By the 10th century, the Celtic 'get ready' prayers and practices had been fully brought into the Roman form. Later on, the church adopted a system of liturgical colors, and Advent received a purple color not unlike Lent's. The 20th century brought a rediscovery of joy in Advent preparations. This was signaled among Protestants by using the color blue.

This year, First Congregational Church of Reading, UCC is adopting the practice of using blue during Advent. For years we have been privileged to have

beautiful purple paraments for our altar, lectern and pulpit made by members of our church. These will continue to be used for the Lenten season. Thanks to our Deacons, we have acquired new and very beautiful blue paraments for the front of the sanctuary and a new blue stole for our pastor. We have also moved to blue candles in the Advent wreath.

This does not mean that purple can no longer be used in Advent. If you have traditional Advent decorations or even clothing that is purple, please continue to make use of them here at church and at home. The beauty of this change is that it does not have to be one thing or another or one color or another, rather we can use and remember the meaning of both the purple and the blue. Traditionally purple symbolizes the repentance of God's people as they patiently await the arrival of their Lord. Because it was also the most costly dye in ancient times, it also used by kings to indicate their royal status. In Christianity, it signifies the anticipation and reception of the coming King during Advent. Likewise blue is also a royal color and represents hope, expectation, and heaven. It is also the color associated with Mary the Mother of Jesus, on whom our Advent hymn of the month focuses this year.

Worship in December (continued)

Sunday, Dec. 26th – First Sunday after Christmas

Preparing a Place for Jesus: In Our Celebrations
Carol Sing – Pick your favorite Christmas carol & verse
Sharing Favorite Seasonal Stories – Bring a favorite brief story or poem to share
Re-Lighting the Advent & Christmas Candles
No Church School or Nursery Care

Sunday, Jan. 2nd – Epiphany Sunday

Preparing a Place for Jesus: On Life's Journey
Re-Lighting the Advent & Christmas Candles
Epiphany Pageant by our Children & Youth

Christian Formation News

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's Journey Pal program. We hope you enjoyed getting to know (and guessing the identity of) a new friend in our church. If you have been unable to meet your Pal yet, please let Betsy Schneider know.

CF usually meets on the second Monday of each month. Our next scheduled meeting is December 13th in the FCCR office. If you have ideas to share, or simply want to see what we do, please join us at 7:00pm. We would love to work with you.

Youth Groups and Church School

Our youth groups have been busy the last few weeks! The Jr. Youth group went bowling earlier this month and on Nov. 21 we had our first all youth event. It was a great success! The Sr. Youth group will be going bowling the first Sunday of next month, Dec. 5. More details to come.

Church School is now a few weeks into the second teaching session and things are going great. Of course, we are always looking for volunteers willing to teach or assist in the classroom. If you are interested, please see me or Betsy Schneider.

Grace and Peace,

Blake Huggins



Confirmation Gatherings

There will be two gatherings of the confirmation group this month. The first will be a regular Sunday meeting on Dec. 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The second is an opportunity to fulfill the requirement for an outside mission project. We will meet at the church in the town hall lot on Saturday, Dec. 18th at 11 am and drive to Winchester to work at the Boston City Mission Society Christmas Shoppes. Our return time will be about 2 pm. All other members and friends of FCCR are welcome to join us for this! If you have questions, please contact Rev. Lisa.

Epiphany Pageant—January 2nd

The Epiphany pageant will be held on Epiphany Sunday, January 2nd, as part of the service. We will hear the story of Christmas as told by "The Inn Keeper and His Wife". Practices will be Sunday, December 19th after church (~45 minutes) in the sanctuary and Wednesday, December 29th at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will end the practice on December 29th with a pizza party at 5:00 pm.

Interested in helping? Please contact Lesley Kerr at lesley.kerr@comcast.net or (781)670-9096. Help is needed with:

- Costume design — Clean, organize and assemble costumes from our vast selection
- Set design – assemble and remove stage in the Sanctuary
- "Production Crew" – Help with putting on costumes, cue cast, chaperone "flocks"
- Provide refreshments for rehearsals
- Provide refreshments for after the Pageant
- Clean-up

Annual Advent Workshop. Please join us after worship in Guild Hall on December 5th. Materials will be provided, and there will be something for all skill levels. If you have a craft or activity you would like to share, please contact us Betsy Schneider or Lesley Kerr.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study at 1:30pm – We are currently reading "Bad Girls of the Bible". If that makes you curious, please come and join us!

Update from the Resource Ministry

Resources would like to share an update about what's going on with Sanctuary repairs. You may have noticed the large equipment lurking outside the church for the past few Sundays. Ace Restoration has been busy removing old damaged mortar and replacing it with a specially formulated mortar that should last longer. The funding for the Sanctuary repairs (\$150,000) was approved at our last congregational meeting in September. At that time, Resources did not have a clear idea about the portion of our endowment available to pay for the repairs. Our endowment policy states that funds donated for general use by the church



(Quasi-funds) may be withdrawn with a majority vote from the membership at a congregational gathering. Other more restricted donations must have 2/3rds vote from the total membership. Resources has the documentation which describes the restrictions on all donations in the endowment. We have reviewed the documentation and determined that 64.6% of the total funds were donated for general use and are available subject to a majority vote. As of September 2010, the endowment totaled \$1,280,606; 64.6% represents \$826,752. This is good news for us and means that \$150,000 is available from the endowment to get the Sanctuary repairs completed before the snow flies.

As for what is to come in the future, we are at crossroads as we try to figure out how we can live within our means. More work needs to be done to maintain our church building but as a congregation, we must first make some decisions about which road to take. We must get in touch with God, seek out options available to us and learn how we can best serve our community. Our membership size has reduced considerably since the building was expanded in the 1950's. We share this fate with 70% of other churches in the country as society changes around us. There are resources available to us from the United Church of Christ to help during this time of transition. Visioning has formed an Information Seeking Team to start exploring options about how to reduce our expenses and downsize our building to better meet our needs. The Info Seekers will present an overview at our next congregational meeting set for January 2011.

Centennial Celebration Update

What fun it was to celebrate the first stage of our sanctuary building's 100th birthday! The food was great; the company was fine; and we just thoroughly enjoyed being in our old church. I have said many thank yous and will continue to do so for some time to come. Thanks for helping; thanks for being there; thanks for being a church that reaches in and out with love and care.

Many thanks to all of you who donated to the Centennial Celebration! We have so far raised a little over \$6200, meaning that at this point we will send \$620 to a new church. Your generosity is overwhelming! Our costs so far, with a few bills still to be tabulated, are about \$3000, leaving about \$2600 for our May celebration, which will be an Open House and reception. Thank you all. Hazel Piper

Update on Operation Christmas Child



We delivered 26 full shoe boxes to Melrose last week for shipment to Operation Christmas Child, nearly doubling our donation from last year. Our thanks to all who contributed. Also, thanks to all the children who helped organize and fill the boxes. Many of our church school children helped on Sunday.

College Care Packages

This year FCCR has supported the mailing of twenty-three care packages to friends and family members engaged in higher education. Included in the packages typically are fun things to ease the pressure of exam time, home made cookies, and other items that are certain to please. Our records reach back to 2005 (which may have been the first year of inception of this program). Over the years, 2005 to date, we have sent out over 130 packages!! Many thanks to the folks who have baked, supported, purchased, boxed, mailed, gathered addresses, and supplied mailing boxes for this ministry. It means a lot to these loved ones.

Christmas Outreach

This holiday season, the Mission Ministry is once again conducting four collections – one on each Sunday of Advent – to help local social-service agencies minister to needy individuals and families.

The first two weeks – November 28 and December 5 – we are collecting gifts for children and adults for the City Mission Society’s annual Christmas Shop. The CMS invites needy families and individuals to come and select gifts for themselves and their children. The gifts are donated by partner churches such as ours, and then sorted and packed by volunteers. Each year more than 200 volunteers gather and distribute over 10,000 toys and clothing items directly to CMS clients and other families in crisis. Rev. Lisa will lead a group from FCCR to Winchester to help sort items on Saturday, December 18.

If you forgot to bring a gift for a child on November 28, don’t despair! You can donate it on December 5, along with the gifts for adults. There is a box for these items across from the office doorway.

The third Sunday in Advent – December 12 – Mission Ministry will be soliciting toiletries for the residents of Emmaus House and other clients of Emmaus, Inc., in Haverhill. Services provided by this nonprofit organization include emergency shelter and meals, counseling and substance-abuse treatment, and job training and placement. Over the past 20 years, the agency has grown to become a significant service provider and developer of affordable housing. Emmaus House, its best-known facility, is a family emergency shelter.

Finally, on December 19, we will be collecting items for the Reading Food Pantry – just in time for Christmas dinners! We hope that all of you will join us in these collections to share our blessings with the many, many people in need this holiday season. Thank you!

DEC. 5 ~ CITY MISSION SOCIETY ADULTS

New items for adults: Clothing, wallets, perfume, scarves, hats, gloves, socks, electric razors, bathrobes, afghans, fleece blankets, and gift cards.

Will also still be collecting for **children**—
New items for children: Infant clothing and layette items, stuffed animals, toys, games, brown/black/white dolls, backpacks, soccer or footballs, educational toys, art supplies, craft kits, clothing (especially larger sizes), hats and mittens, and gift cards.



DEC. 12 ~ EMMAUS HOUSE

All types of toiletries (including hygiene products) for men, women, and children. Shampoo, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc.

DEC. 19 ~ FOOD PANTRY

Papergoods, especially. Also, nonperishable food items, coffee (reg. and instant), tea (reg. and decaf.), juice and juice boxes, mayo, salad dressings, cookies, crackers, sugar, jam and jelly, brownie mix, pasta, and cereal. Also dish and laundry detergent. Cash donations are also welcome.

FCCR will be sorting with City Mission Society for the Christmas Shops – Saturday, Dec. 18 at First Congregational Church of Winchester from 11:30 to 1:30. For those who wish to carpool, we will meet in the town hall parking lot at 11 am sharp to go together to Winchester. Our return time will be right around 2 pm. If you have questions, please see Rev. Lisa.



We invite you to send one holiday greeting card to church for the **WHOLE** church - which we will hang outside the Main Church office. Consider donating the monies saved on cards and postage to benefit the Reading Food Pantry.



The Sock and Mitten Tree:

Have you gotten your socks and mittens yet? The Sock and Mitten Tree is set up in the dining hall and is waiting to be decorated with socks and mittens (and hats and gloves) for the needy. It will remain up till Dec. 12 when all the gifts will be boxed up and given to City Mission Society for distribution. Many thanks to Eunice Degal and Jean Carr for organizing this. (And to Margo Habel for the sign.) The new 4' tree was purchased this year by CWF.

CWF Directory:

Kathleen Taylor is busy assembling the latest edition of our Directory. We thought we would join the 21st Century and include email addresses and also put it on our Church Website with a password needed to access it. Let your board rep know if you want a hard copy. Otherwise it will be available on line soon.

Cookie Walk

Just a reminder: The Annual cookie walk will be held on February 13th. So line up your valentines, including yourself, for some "LOVE"ly treats!

Cookbook update:

All the recipes are typed. Many thanks to Larry Piper, Shirley Slack, Bonnie Newhall, Shirley Hol-

den, Carol Patterson, Joan Kingston, Nancy Graham and Sue Reardon who typed in lots of recipes for us. The Committee is finishing up last minute details and will be sending it in for printing in a few weeks. Since it will not be ready for Christmas gifts, look for the PRESALE TABLE at coffee hour. You will be able to purchase the book for \$10 and will receive a card to wrap, promising the book when it comes in. Perfect for gift giving!!!

Support for Goodie Boxes:

CWF will financially support the mailing of the Goodie Boxes to the college students in our congregation who will hopefully have an easier time getting through finals with these boxes in hand.

Christmas Goodie Bags:

CWF and Visitation together assemble and deliver bags of Christmas treats for the shut-ins in our congregation. Circle 7 will assemble them on Dec. 10th. The Altar Committee also gives them a poinsettia. Many thanks to all Circles for their donations and assembly, and to Visitation for delivery!

Antique Appraisal:

CWF is planning an Antique Appraisal in April as a fundraiser. More details later.

Book Group – December and January

On December 7, the Book Group will convene at 7:30 at Bev Cook's home to discuss A New Kind of Christianity: 10 Questions that are Transforming the Faith by Brian McLaren. All are welcome – you are invited to bring a dessert if you'd like!

"[McLaren] has been hailed widely as one of the most significant religious leaders of our time, compared by some to the leaders of the Protestant Reformation....In articulating...his disquiet with the status quo, McLaren strikes a chord with many." (The Christian Century)

The book is thought provoking and we're looking forward to an interesting discussion – come join us!

The book the group has selected for January is: This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers, by Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver. Written by two ministers serving in the United Church of Christ, both reknowned preachers and published authors, this book has been enthusiastically recommended for clergy and lay readers alike. "Two people still pastoring reflect honestly here on both the joys and the challenges of their vocation. Anecdotal and extremely readable, the book covers a diversity of subjects revealing the incredible variety of a pastor's day. The chapters move from comedy to pathos, story to theology, Scripture to contemporary culture. This Odd and Wondrous Calling is both serious and fun and is ideal for those who are considering the ministry or who want a better understanding of their own minister's life." [Publisher's Weekly in Amazon.com] We'll meet in the Parlor at 7:30 on January 4 to talk about this book – if you've ever wanted a behind the scenes glimpse into the life of a minister, now's your chance!

The Book Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, October through June, at 7:30 in the Parlor. The group attempts to balance its reading list with both non-fiction and fiction having a spiritual connection; new members are always welcome, and all members participate in selecting the books we read. We have great conversations – please do consider joining in!

Thank You Notes to our Church Family

Dear Parishioners,

I am sorry for the delay in thanking the Mission Ministry for their kind donation to the Food Pantry on June 30, 2010 of \$500. Your generosity helps many people.

Rev. Stephen Rock, Treasurer

Dear Rev. Lisa, Blake and the congregation,

Thank you for my Adventure Bible. I look forward to reading it and learning more about God and Jesus.

Sincerely, Michael Chabra

It is with fond memories of growing up in Reading, being active in the church until I was married there in 1962. My cousin, Ginny Davenport, told me of the church celebrating 100 years this year. Consequently, I'm sending the enclosed check in thanks for the church, and people I have loved all my life. I am retired from teaching and the ministry, and keep busy writing and doing water color painting here in Maine. Congratulations on the birthday. *Lois Witham*

Thank you for all the encouraging words and prayers on behalf of Doris Torppa. Thank you for all the presents, newsletters, cards, flowers, and wonderful visits. She particularly loved the weekly readings that were sent each month. Doris did not want any thrown away as she loved to re-read them, even years later! You truly made a positive impact on a very difficult period of her life. Thank you.

The family of Doris Torppa

Dear Friends,

Not quite a Halloween ghost from the past but surely a voice from the past. I am chugging along doing my best. I volunteer 15-20 hours a week at the hospital and try to stay busy. Wish I could see you all. My love and special wishes to you all.

Peg Jones

Dear loving church family,

AJ and I would like to thank you for the recent delivery of the altar flowers to our home after the sudden death of a childhood friend who had been struggling with depression and a fierce alcohol dependency for many years. These sad moments shake us but also give us a chance to feel the love and support of caring friends all around and those flowers served as a daily reminder of these positive things. I would also like to say a special and deep thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry who offered a shawl for me to bring to present to our friend's 82 year old mother. There were no words I could have found to soothe her but the shawl did that for me and she was profoundly moved and comforted by it. I thank you for helping me through that impossible moment. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by the amazing, giving women of this church who know just what to say and do no matter what.

Linda Jerrett

Many thanks to **Hazel Piper** and her crew for a delightful centennial event on Sunday, October 31st. Remember back to our annual meeting last spring? There was a question put out - would anyone be willing to work on organizing events for the church building's centennial...and Hazel stood up and said she would. Gratitude is extended to Hazel and a wide-ranging list of other names for the invitations, artifacts, meal and more...and more to come in May 2011!

An early Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings! Once more we say "thank you, thank you" to **Judy and Jack Austin** for orchestrating this wonderful family Thanksgiving meal. It truly was a loaves and fishes experience - with only about 60 people indicating intent to come, and over 120 being served! Blessings and thanks to the Austins and all who participated in some supportive way - including those who ate!

More "visitor" than regular worship attendant, I want to say thank you to FCCR for being the church that it is. What a joy to be in Reading on November 21st with wonderful music to support our worship. Thanks to this complement of folks who volunteer and work so hard to sing and to ring praise to God, and to Chad, Jill and Martha who lead them so faithfully. *gay williams*

Thank you Joyce—And her full complement of assistants to make our seventh Cocoa & Cookies event a great community event. Thanks to bakers, lighters, decorators, greeters, flyer distributors, music makers, runners, dish washers and dryers and every other manner of help so many of you provided. Bless you!!

To our Friends at FCCR,
John and I wish to thank you for your kindness to us during his recent illness. He received many lovely greeting cards and cheery messages. I am especially grateful for the beautiful altar bouquet, which remained fresh, and colorful for a long time. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have such caring friends,
Sincerely, Shirley and John Fairchild

Thank you so much for the visit and the prayer shawl. It is beautiful and the color is perfect. It reminds me of a summer's day at the ocean.
Kathy Ulrich

Congratulations to: Jennifer Martin graduated from Fairfield University in May 2010 (Summa Cum Laude). She is now serving for one year as an international volunteer in Jamaica, working with a faith based service organization called Passionist Volunteers International. Our congratulations and best wishes to Jen!

POINTSETTIA ORDER

The gift of a memorial plant is a thoughtful way to remember a loved one during the Christmas season. The poinsettias which decorate the altar for our Christmas service may be just such a memorial. After the service on December 24th, you may either take yours home or have it delivered to a home-bound member of our church family. Please fill out the order form below and either mail it or drop it in the box outside the office with your payment. Pls. put "Attn: Altar Committee" on your envelope.



The Altar Committee Mary Ann Higgins 781.944.4428 mahiggins5@gmail.com

I would like to order a poinsettia plant to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Enclosed is my check for:

___ Plant(s) at **\$5.00** each Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to "The First Congregational Church" and mark the lower left hand corner "Poinsettia".

Dedication to read:

In loving Memory of _____

(or) in Honor of _____

Given by _____

Check one of the following:

___ I will take my plant(s) home

___ Please give my plant(s) to a shut-in

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Deadline for ordering is December 9th



Daily prayers are invited for all of our friends and members-especially those who are dealing with these special joys and concerns. They and their families are most grateful for your spiritual support and cards of greeting.



Prayers for the Month of November

Following are many of the prayers shared during the past month

O God, We lift up our petitions and concerns in prayer..

- ✠ Robert and Kimberley McDonald's friend Ed Dombrowski who has cancer and only a few months left to live.
- ✠ For Dave Osborne recovering from spinal surgery and an allergic reaction this month.
- ✠ My sister Carole who has started chemo again. For her health.
- ✠ My daughters' friend who had surgery for a tumor in her lung.
- ✠ A son-in-law recovering from surgery.
- ✠ Eleanor Grant who is recovering from surgery.
- ✠ Lorna Knapp who was hospitalized this month.
- ✠ Ginny Davenport who had her last treatment this month.
- ✠ Kathy Ulrich diagnosed with cancer.
- ✠ My Dad who is in Hospice care.
- ✠ Dan Walker's parents.
- ✠ Lucinda Ellert's in-laws.
- ✠ Kathleen Taylor's dad, Fred, who had abdominal surgery this month.
- ✠ My mother, whose health is declining.
- ✠ My sister and brother both returning from hospital stays.
- ✠ Marianne, a co-worker who is out of work due to a broken ankle.
- ✠ Dominic Bellany whose cancer has come back and who has lost sight in one eye.
- ✠ A friend, Joanne, who needs a mastectomy.
- ✠ A friend, Pam, who is undergoing surgery.
- ✠ For John Pack's surgery.
- ✠ A friend's mother who is dealing with cancer.
- ✠ My nephew Scott, who is going to Iraq.
- ✠ My daughter Stacy and her family.
- ✠ Parents who are having some health problems.
- ✠ Anne, who is suffering from mental illness.
- ✠ A friend whose husband had a malignant brain tumor removed.
- ✠ A friend whose brother has a malignant brain tumor.
- ✠ Those struggling with anxiety and depression.

- ✠ For the hungry and homeless, who are without family.
- ✠ Our troops overseas.
- ✠ For Megan Nystrom who is currently in Basic Training in Fort Sill, OK
- ✠ That my purse that was misplaced is found intact.
- ✠ Please watch over all who are traveling.
- ✠ Mary Ann Douglas who has been hospitalized.

O God, we lift up these celebrations and joys in prayer...

- ✠ Scott and Melissa's new baby girl Lucy.
- ✠ The joy of seeing three of my adult children and my grandchildren.
- ✠ The birth of Kali Jacqueline, Gordon Little's granddaughter.
- ✠ Josh Austin turning 21.
- ✠ Lesley Kerr's grandmother, Ruth Ingalls, who turned 92.
- ✠ Garrett Hylan, on his 6th birthday.
- ✠ A friend who was in labor on November 21st expecting twins.
- ✠ Thank God for a great outcome of Fred Doherty's surgery.
- ✠ The beauty of music.
- ✠ For Anastasia Kidd for another successful session in her ordination process.

O God, we pray for those who are grieving...

- ✠ For our daughter and her friends who lost two friends.
- ✠ A sister-in-law whose mother died this month.
- ✠ The family of Jonathan Curtis, a former student, who was killed in Afghanistan.
- ✠ The family of Bob Svensson whose father passed away this month.
- ✠ The family of Dorothy Somers who passed away this month.

And those who are cared for at home:

Jane Rice	Peter Thorstensen
Grace Faulkner	Bill Rule
John Weston	

Please call the church office for these addresses if you would like to send a card or visit these friends.

Thanks to those who donated flowers to beautify our worship space in November

In loving memory of Jean and Donald Pray by their daughter, Elaine Bachelder.

In loving memory of Whit Woodward by Shirley Myers and family.

In loving memory of Jacqueline Little whose birthday would have been Nov. 29th. Given by her husband, Gordon, daughter Diane and granddaughters, Charlene, Jacqueline and Kali.

The Cornucopia, full of the abundance of our harvest, reminds us of the many blessings that fill our lives. Given to the Glory of God by the people of our dear Church.



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