

**Words for meditation and preparation:**

*"In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. It is very easy to overestimate the importance of our own achievements in comparison with what we owe others." - Deitrich Bonhoeffer*

GATHERING MUSIC      *Amazing Grace*      arr. John A. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Rev. Judy Arnold

PRELUDE      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing. Var. 1*      Albert L. Travis

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from the *Iona Community Book of Worship*)      Ben Pulaski

The God of heaven has made a home on earth,

***Christ dwells among us and is one of us.***

The highest in all creation lives among the least,

***Christ Journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.***

Come now all who thirst

***And drink the water of life.***

Come now all who hunger

***And be filled with good things.***

Come now all who seek

***And be warmed by the fire of love.***

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN      *God, We See What You Have Given*, verses 1 & 2

Sung to the tune NETTLETON, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

God, we see what you have given;

Signs of grace are everywhere!

All around are gifts from heaven —

Gifts enough for all to share.

We are stewards of your bounty,

Called to give as we've received;

And your blessings have been plenty

From the day we first believed.

We are stewards of the richness

That you send from heav'n above.

For in Christ, you gave up greatness,

Humbly showing us your love.

In a manger — gift from heaven!

On a cross — with love and pain!

You proclaimed we are forgiven;

Now you send us in your name.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION      Rev. Will Burhans

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from Martin Luther King Jr.)

***Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as fully as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. We actively address personal injustices but stand idly by when we witness systemic injustices that hurt others. O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could be but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS      Kathleen Zagata

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,***

***Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily***

***bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the***

***kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

\*ACT OF PRAISE      "The Gloria Patri"      PH 513

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

***Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;***

***World without end, amen, amen.***

\*OFFER ONE ANOTHER A SIGN OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST      Kathleen

TIME FOR THE YOUNG      Ben

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS      Rev. Judy

Offertory

\*Doxology      (Please use words that are most meaningful to you)      NCH 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,***

***Praise God all creatures here below,***

***Praise God above you heavenly host,***

***Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*Prayer of Dedication      Rev. Judy

SERVICE OF PRAYER      Rev. Judy

SCRIPTURE      Jeremiah 29:10-14      Liz Sayre

For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and

come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

MEDITATION "Receiving a Future" Rev. Will

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP: A FUTURE WITH HOPE

Anthem *Amazing Grace* *Early American Melody*  
Text by John Newton (1725-1807); Adapted & arranged by John Coates Jr., 1971

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation  
Hymn of Preparation *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*  
Black-covered New Century Hymnal 346

The Prayer of Consecration  
Words of Institution  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup  
Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

***We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and help us show our love for You in how we live our lives. AMEN***

RECESSIONAL HYMN *God, We See What You Have Given*, verses 3 & 4  
Sung to the tune NETTLETON, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

We are stewards of your welcome  
That you showed through Christ the Son.  
In his living and his teaching,  
Jesus welcomed everyone.  
To the outcast and the stranger,  
He showed hospitality!  
By your Spirit, may we also  
Give the welcome we've received.

We are stewards, sent out sharing,  
Offering you our very best.  
Through our serving and our caring  
May we give as we've been blessed.  
God of love, may faithful living  
Be much more than Sunday talk.  
Send us loving, serving, giving;  
Help us daily walk your walk!

\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing. Var. 4* Travis

At the conclusion of the Postlude, we will gather in the Reno Garden. There will be a time of silent prayer, where all will be invited to take a handful of straw and place it on a plant in order to symbolically "put the garden to bed" for the winter. This gesture reminds us, among other things, that even in seasons of "sleep," God is with us, whispering the promise of new life in our hearts

PH indicates Pilgrim Hymnal (red) NCH indicates New Century Hymnal (black)  
\*Those who are able please stand  
Head-sets for the hearing impaired, and large print bulletins available from ushers  
We encourage you to use Name Tags available in Vestibule

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of our parents, Warren, Mildred, Joe & Marie, given by the Bernhardt-Puzzanghera family.

**BULLETIN NOTES:** The stewardship theme for this year is taken from Jeremiah (29:11): "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." As you listen to this morning's anthem, *Amazing Grace*, we invite you to reflect on the words of Jeremiah. What are your hopes for our church? For our faith, families and community?

May the music of our choir and the images of the life of our church reinforce your feelings of "a future with hope." On this Stewardship Sunday, as we consider the role of generous and faithful pledging in our lives and in the life of our church, we embrace the abundance of gifts and blessings we enjoy today, and recognize our responsibility to carry them forward joyously, with hope.

**P&D FUND** – On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' and Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to congregation members who are experiencing an urgent need for financial crisis assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today.

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*An Open and Affirming Congregation*  
The Congregation, Ministers To The World  
Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor  
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Ms. Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Cong'l Health & Wellness  
Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts  
Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Christian Faith Formation: Children & Youth  
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist  
Mr. Bradley Ross, Sexton  
Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager  
The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

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Websites: FCCW [www.fcc-winchester.org](http://www.fcc-winchester.org); MA Conference [www.macucc.org](http://www.macucc.org); Nat'l UCC [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)

# Thanksgiving Service

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DONATION:** This year, the Faith Formation Ministry has decided to keep it local! We are teaming up with FAN (Family Action Network) to collect items and donate whole baskets to the Woburn Council of Social Concern. We are asking that families sign up to fill up an entire basket. You can find the items needed as well as a signup sheet downstairs in Chidley Hall today or outside of the office throughout the week, or just simply email me. (ben@fcc-winchester.org)

**TURKEY COLLECTION:** On Sunday, November 22nd, the church youth and their friends will be delivering turkeys to Pilgrim Church in Dorchester. You can be a part of this offering in a couple of ways. **1:** Bring one or more frozen turkeys to church between now and the 22nd-just place in the NEW freezer down in the Chidley Hall kitchen; **2.** Sign up outside the office to drive to Dorchester the morning of the 22nd. We leave after Stone Soup, spend about 45 minutes touring Pilgrim Church and their shelter and return to Winchester no later than 1:30. If you have never come on this outing, it is a great way to get to know some of the youth and to learn about one of the most active UCC Churches in the Boston area.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Come for a wonderful, worship-filled celebration of life in all its abundance: Sunday, November 15, our Morning Worship will celebrate and give thanks for God's creatures great and small, especially our animal companions – beloved household pets (or photos of pets) and favorite stuffed animals. You are invited to gather in Chidley Hall a bit early (any time after 9:45 a.m.), to introduce your pets and to find your seats. The Blessings of the Animals Service will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the service will last approximately 45 minutes.

## CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF LIVING IN CHINA

as told by Fred Greene and assisted by Pam Budner will be held Sunday, November 8th from 2 PM to 4 PM in the Palmer-Tucker Rooms. A Fellowship Reception will follow. Open to the church and wider community so feel free to bring a friend or neighbor. RSVP by Thursday, November 5 if a ride is needed. HM Office: 781 726-9180 ext:106 or Kathleenzag@gmail.com.



**"STEPPING OUT IN FAITH"** Visitation Group will meet after service today with Rev. Judy and Kathleen in the Health Ministry Office at 11:30.

First Congregational Church  
"A Christ-centered, nurturing community:  
Growing in faith, Serving in love,  
Welcoming all with joy."

For surely  
I KNOW THE  
plans  
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Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

November 01, 2015

2015 Pledges 10/27/2015		
Budget	Actual	Remaining
\$ 492,000	\$ 404,217	\$ 87,783

### Mission and Service



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY Saturday November 7**  
 push to finish 10 units at Parker Street in Lawrence by late December for move-in. Interested adults and youth 16 years and up call Doug Taylor 781-729-6258 or mccall.taylor@verizon.net  
 Come help finish it up, after our many sessions there!

**Nov 1-15, 2015**

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE** is sponsoring a linen drive for the Mission of Deeds (MOD). MOD was founded by Tony Triglione in 1993 to help low-income individuals and families. Clients include: the previously homeless, mothers and children leaving battered women shelters, displaced veterans, refugees and victims of fire and other disasters. The MOD gives new beds, gently used home goods and furniture to people in need.

During this time of year as the cold weather approaches MOD is in need of **twin size blankets and comforters**. We will have a bin in the office foyer to collect new or gently used comforters and/or blankets for the weeks of Nov 1-15.

If you have other larger items you wish to donate please contact Mission of Deeds directly for pick up. Their information can be found at [www.missionofdeeds.org](http://www.missionofdeeds.org)

If you have any questions you can contact Jody Collins Skinner at [jcollinsskinner@verizon.net](mailto:jcollinsskinner@verizon.net)

**Let's help make the season a little warmer.**

*Jody Collins Skinner- Mission and Service Ministry*

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** As of Friday, 36 families have scheduled their photography session online. If you are having trouble doing it yourself, please call Sarah at the church office 781-729-9180, Connie Rosenberger at home 781-729-8518 or email Laura Bailey at [bullbailey1@gmail.com](mailto:bullbailey1@gmail.com). Please don't give up! We NEED all of your cute faces in our book. Someone will be at a table downstairs, in Childey Hall during coffee hour, right after worship. The hallway monitor screen and laptop (right in the church lobby next to the music room ) will be available at all times for those who don't have reliable internet access.

Thank you, Laura, Sarah, & Connie- 2015 Directory Committee

### CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK (Nov 1-8)

SUNDAY	Daylight Savings Time Ended. :) Hope you made it here!		
	10:00	AM	Worship: Communion & Stewardship Sunday
	10:00	AM	J2A Class 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 Class-7th & 8th Grades
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	11:15	AM	Putting the Reno Garden to Rest for the Season
	11:30	AM	Fall Visitation Sunday
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	4:00	PM	Sounds of Grace
	7:00	PM	Men's Group
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
TUESDAY	7:30	PM	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	10:00	AM	FAN Toddler Playgroup
	7:30	PM	Deacons
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
SATURDAY	8:00	AM	Habitat for Humanity Workday
			Worship: Pledge Sunday & Presentation of Bibles to
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