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Thinking About Families and the Holidays

The holiday of Thanksgiving and the Holy Days of Advent and Christmas are fast approaching. It's a time of joyful memories of holidays past and future hopes to be shaped. For some these are also times of heartache because there will be empty chairs at the table. These are also awkward times as family members with all of their different lifestyles, opinions, and idiosyncrasies will come together in one place for a holiday celebration. As I have said to many people when discussing family life.... "Once we realize that all families have some dysfunction, we will be better at family life." In a spirit of good humor and as a call for a hefty amount of God's grace at our holiday gatherings I offer this humble selection of flawed prose.

The Thanksgiving Time of Forgiving

The guest list for the time of the thankful feast Has yet to be completed and might be far from being released.

Who to invite is an onerous and difficult task. Surely kind Grandma, gentle Aunt Ellen, and humorous Cousin Charlie will be asked.

But do we have to invite Cousin Ralph who offends everyone with his hurtful words?

Or Uncle Charlie whose demeaning outburst about Grandma's husband, Henry, was overheard.

And there's mother's brother, Steve, who ran off with another woman abandoning his wife.

He is good to his children but crushed their mother's spirit for the rest of her life.

There are progressive Uncle Phil and tea party cousin Les.

Who last year turned our peaceful meal into quite a political mess.

Surely, we must put on the guest least cousin Marge, she's so sweet and so kind

But her children's behavior can drive the rest of the guests out of their minds.

There's Uncle Jack's wife who 12 years-ago said something sarcastic that offended some guests.

Why have her at the thanksgiving table where all should feel joyful and blessed?

The guest list is getting shorter because many in our family have their imperfections.

Maybe it's time to take our thanksgiving feasting in a new direction

That will expand our invitation list this thanksgiving.

Along with our praise to God for how blessed we are, let us make it a celebration of forgiving.

Sinners all let us join together as part of our thanksgiving table prayer in a chorus of Amazing Grace

In hope that when we gather around the feast-filled table Christ's Spirit will be present and it will become a sacred place.

Thankful for Being a Part of the NFCC Family and thankful that Christina Williams will soon be blessed by being your Pastor,

- *A big thank you to all who worshipped and welcomed potter, clay artist, Hollis Engley. He was very appreciative of our church's warm welcome. He will be firing our church clay art and also the baptismal and chalice that he "threw" (a potter's term for turning on the wheel) during the sermon.*

November Birthdays



A Prayer for the Holy Days

God of the changing seasons as the air starts to cool and nature begins its period of hibernation, may the warmth of our thankful hearts kindle grace in all our relationships and prepare us for the rebirth of innocence in our souls as we await a most miraculous birth. With a spirit of thanksgiving and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

No Bible Study in November – There will be a two session study in Advent as a preparation for Christmas.



11/03	Elaine Coe
11/05	Stefan Sievert
11/06	Lyla Malcolm
11/08	David Dunphy
11/10	Lillian Kazanis
11/12	Bill Martin
11/16	Ward Fraser
11/18	Peter Allenby
11/21	Robert Young
11/22	Kathryn Greco
11/23	Mary Jane Thomas
11/23	Kristen Tivey
11/25	Vera Nouaime
11/27	Rosemary Scavotto

Worship in November

November 3 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost
 10 a.m. Worship, Scripture – Genesis 12:1-6 / Hebrews 11:1-11– Focus - Abraham and Sarah, Sermon – Pilgrim or Tourist?
 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

November 10 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
 10 a.m. Worship Bob Naylor had a prior preaching engagement so we will have a supply preacher. There will be a Children's Time.

November 17 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
 Scripture – Selections from John 4 – Focus –
 10 a.m. Worship, The Samaritan Woman at the Well, Bob will preach on "Designer Water or Holy Water?"

November 24 – Last Sunday before Advent – 8:30 Contemporary Communion / 10:00 Festival Service, A Special Thanksgiving Service with 3 Lay Members of the Church Preaching, Sermon – "Lessons in Learning to Be Thankful" Thanksgiving Music Children's Time



Happy Birthday

Christian Education News

College Care Packages

This year, once again, we will be sending care packages to all of our college students for the holidays. Boxes will be available to fill in the Covenant Room beginning Sunday, November 3, through the Dec. 1. Students look forward to all of the little gifts we send. Bring in some snacks, homemade treats, post-its or other homework supplies, ornaments, etc. We will also accept cash donations to help defray the cost of postage. Help to brighten the end of this first semester and remind our college students how important they are to us. We will be sending eleven boxes this year.

All-church Holiday Pot-Luck and Advent Workshop

Join us on Sunday, December 1, after the 10:00am service for our annual Holiday Pot-Luck and Advent Workshop. Please remember that this event is not just for children and families but for the whole congregation to come together to celebrate the season. Sign-up sheets will appear in a few weeks so mark your calendars!!

Christmas Pageant

Would you like to participate in our Christmas Eve Pageant? All ages, kids through adults, are welcome. The pageant has the potential to be a great shared experience between parents and children. Would you like to be shepherds together? Or maybe your children have all grown up but you would like to be a part of a meaningful intergenerational activity. We invite everyone to share the fun on this special day. We will be practicing after church on Sunday, December 15 and 22, and Saturday, December 21 at 10:00am.



Giving Tree

Beginning on Sunday, November 24, our Giving Tree will be up in the Covenant Room. The presents purchased for our tree will go to families right here in North Falmouth through the North Falmouth Elementary School.

Please take a tag and purchase the gift listed, then wrap the gifts and attach the tag from the tree so they can be identified. All gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 15.

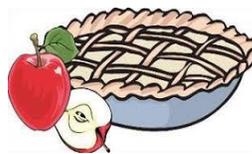
As tags are removed from the tree we would like to 'decorate' it again with mitten, hats and scarves. You are invited to bring in these knitted items and hang them on the tree.



Kid's Cook!

Our family cooking ministry group made some special Halloween treats for the Village at Cataumet dinner. Thank you to Brenda Clements for preparing her famous Oreo cookie balls for everyone to decorate! We also enjoyed dinner together and carved some pretty good looking pumpkins.





Thanksgiving Food Drive

Together with the YMCA child care program we will be collecting food for the Falmouth Service Center's annual Thanksgiving food drive from Nov. 3-24. There will be a wagon in the hall near the back door for donations. Please see the wish list below or pick one up at church and remember that meats, perishables and home baked items should be brought in only on Nov. 24.

- Quick Bread Mixes & Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, & Canned pumpkin
- Frozen Turkeys & Whole Chickens
- Canned or Fresh Hams
- Fresh Vegetables
- Home Baked Breads and Pies



YUMMY!!!!



The Holiday Fair will soon be here!!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 16th. That is the date for the NFCC Holiday Fair.

There are still volunteer opportunities available. Sign-up sheets will be in the Covenant. Rm. in October so please take the time to find something that you can help with this year. We need your help to make this fair a success. Volunteers will be sorting thru the Christmas items to get them priced early so that the week before the fair isn't so hectic. We need some volunteers to do that. We are also in need of a couple people to do the Attics Treasure's Rm. and a possible craft room. We need everybody to bake for the bake table so we have an ample supply of wonderful items to sell. We'll need set - up and take town crews, of course, and a person to sell raffle tickets and call the winners. Please think over what you can do to contribute to a successful fair. Email Myrna oarmy@gmail.com if you want more info about the volunteer jobs. Isn't fall just the best season of the year !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Church Fair Bake Table is looking for your favorite baked goods to sell on Saturday, Nov 16th. Breads, cookies, small cakes, muffins, fudge, pies....all are welcome additions to our table. Please bring in your kitchen creations on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning (before 9 AM).

If each of us bakes just one item, we will have plenty to offer to those that attend our fair.

Thank you in advance for supporting our church fair.

Kay Clark and Marsha Martin

NORTH FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SALUTES THE THRIFT SHOP

WE PRESENT A SERVING THE COMMUNITY SALUTE TO YOU THIS AWARD GOES TO YOU FOR PROVIDING A PLACE FOR FOLKS TO RECYCLE. IT ALSO IS AWARDED FOR PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLKS TO PURCHASE NEEDED CLOTHING AND ITEMS AT A REASONABLE PRICE, PROVIDING VOUCHERS TO THOSE IN NEED AND BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

WE ARE PRESENTING YOU WITH A GOLD STAR AWARD SALUTE THE THRIFT SHOP GETS THIS AWARD FOR PROVIDING VITAL FINANCIAL STABILITY TO NORTH FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

WE ARE PRESENTING YOU WITH A VOLUNTEER HERO AWARD SALUTE THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS THAT KEEP THE THRIFT SHOP GOING. THIS IS NOT ALWAYS EASY AND I AM SURE YOU COULD USE MORE FOLKS TO STEP UP. TO JOIN THIS AWARD TEAM PLEASE LET JOYCE BOCK OR RIN MORWAY KNOW. THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK THE FEW HOURS A WEEK YOU HAVE INTO THEIR SCHEDULE. OH, MAYBE YOU JUST HAVE A FEW HOURS A MONTH THAT YOU CAN SHARE, NO PROBLEM. THEY WELCOME ANY TIME YOU CAN GIVE. HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME ONE OF THE HEROS OF NORTH FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Great thanks to Kevin Malone and Altura Tree and Landscape for his expertise and use of his bucket truck to fix our bell. Once, to go up to the belfry and disassemble the bell bar, and second, to go back up and reassemble. His time and talents are greatly appreciated. The bell now sounds better than ever!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

REMINDERS:

- 1. BUDGETS FOR THE 2020 YEAR ARE DUE TO FINANCE NOW. PLEASE GET THESE TO HANK ASAP**
- 2. ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TO DEBBIE BY JANUARY 5th**
They can be emailed to her as soon as you get them done. Some committees may already be ready to file their reports.
- 3. THE ANNUAL MEETING DATE IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020, POT LUCK LUNCHEON DIRECTLY AFTER THE 10A.M. SERVICE (11 ISH) THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL FOLLOW AT ABOUT 1:45AM.**



The Altar Committee

The yearly organizational meeting of the committee will be on Sunday, November 10th following the 10 AM service. We welcome new members to share in the hallway flower arranging and caring for the altar area (filling candles and changing paraments).

On Friday, November 29th we will meet at 9:30 AM to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. All are welcome.....especially a few strong men to carry boxes up from the basement.

The flower calendar for 2020 will be posted outside the office after November 10th.

Christmas Poinsettia forms are included in the Sandpiper and will be available on the counter outside the office and in your Order of Worship for a couple of Sundays before the deadline of Sunday, Nov 17th.

North Falmouth Congregational Church
155 Old Main Road - North Falmouth, MA

HOLIDAY FAIR

Thanksgiving & Christmas

Jewelry – Hand Crafts

Attic Treasures – Raffles

Baked Goods – Silent Auction

SAT. November 16th

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

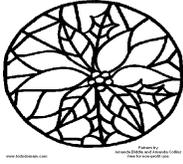
Snacks and coffee served all morning.

LOBSTER ROLL LUNCH

11:00a.m. – 1:00 PM

Take outs available.

More info call 508-563-2177



Poinsettia Order Form **Due by Sunday, November 17, 2019**

(Poinsettias will be delivered and used for the Sunday Service on December 15th.)

I wish to give _____ poinsettia(s) @ \$12.00.
(Choose one from the wording below.)

In loving memory of/
In honor of/
In celebration of/

Given by:

(Name)

(Phone Number)

COLORS: (please indicate number of each color)

_____ Red
_____ White
_____ Pink

_____ I will pick my poinsettia(s) up after service December 15th.
_____ Please deliver to a shut-in after service on December 15th.

Payment of \$12.00 each is due with your order by November 17th

Please make check payable to **Flower Committee, NFCC**,
PO Box 403, North Falmouth, MA 02556.
Questions: 508-563-2177. **Thank you!**

Daily Lectionary Scripture References November 2019 (Year C)

Fri., Nov. 1
Psalm 119:137-144
Habakkuk 1:5-17
2 Peter 1:1-11

Sat., Nov. 2
Psalm 119:137-144
Habakkuk 2:5-11
John 8:39-47

Sun., Nov. 3
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Mon., Nov. 4
Psalm 142
Habakkuk 2:12-20
1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Tues., Nov. 5
Psalm 142
Habakkuk 3:1-16
Jude 5-21

Wed., Nov. 6
Psalm 142
Habakkuk 3:17-19
Luke 19:11-27

Thurs., Nov. 7
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Zechariah 1:1-17
Acts 22:22-23:11

Fri., Nov. 8
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Zechariah 6:9-15
Acts 24:10-23

Sat., Nov. 9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Haggai 1:1-15a
Luke 20:1-8

Sun., Nov. 10
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Mon., Nov. 11
Psalm 98
Haggai 2:10-19
2 Peter 1:16-21

Tues., Nov. 12
Psalm 98
Haggai 2:20-23
2 John 1-13

Wed., Nov. 13
Psalm 98
Zechariah 8:1-17
John 5:19-29

Thurs., Nov. 14
Isaiah 12
Isaiah 57:14-21
Romans 1:18-25

Fri., Nov. 15
Isaiah 12
Isaiah 59:1-15a
2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

Sat., Nov. 16
Isaiah 12
Isaiah 59:15b-21
Luke 17:20-37

Sun., Nov. 17
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Mon., Nov. 18
Psalm 76
Isaiah 60:17-22
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Tues., Nov. 19
Psalm 76
Isaiah 66:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Wed., Nov. 20
Psalm 76
Isaiah 66:14-24
Matthew 23:37-24:14

Thurs., Nov. 21
Luke 1:68-79

Jeremiah 21:1-14
Hebrews 9:23-28

Fri., Nov. 22
Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 22:1-17
1 Peter 1:3-9

Sat., Nov. 23
Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 22:18-30
Luke 18:15-17

Sun., Nov. 24
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Mon., Nov. 25
Psalm 1175
Jeremiah 30:1-17
Revelation 21:5-27

Tues., Nov. 26
Psalm 117
Jeremiah 30:18-24
Revelation 22:8-21

Wed., Nov. 27
Psalm 117
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Luke 1:1-4

Thurs., Nov. 28
Thanksgiving Day
Deut. 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Phil. 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

Fri., Nov. 29
Psalm 122
Genesis 6:1-10
Hebrews 11:1-7

Sat., Nov. 30
Psalm 122
Genesis 6:11-22
Matthew 24:1-22



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