

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WARREN

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The Cornerstone



NOVEMBER 2024 EDITION



Rev. Bette Bond

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- Nov. 4 - Mon. 10:00am Ladies Circle Meeting
- Nov. 4 - Mon. 6:30pm Caring & Sharing Sisters
- Nov. 7 - Thurs. 6:30pm Deacon Meeting
- Nov. 14 - Thurs. 6:30pm Trustee Meeting
- Nov. 30 - Sat. 9:00am Men's group meeting



Where decisions are made.

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

November is a reflective time. It is a month of honor and gratitude. On the heels of All Hallow's Eve, we have All Saints Day and then All Souls Day. In that triduum, or three days, we also celebrate El Dia de los Muertes - The Day of the Dead. All of these are to honor and celebrate those who have died and gone before us.



All Saints is for the saints martyred throughout history for their faith in Christ, and for others who have died in the faith. All Souls commemorates ALL those who have died, including our own loved ones and community members. November is also home to Veterans Day (Armistice Day) when we honor all those who have died in wars, defending our country's and others' freedom. This is a federal holiday so all may join in the remembrance ceremonies and prayers. Betwixt and between all of these special days, we turn our clocks back one hour to begin Daylight Saving Time. After lamenting the shortage of daylight, take this opportunity to get cozy and snuggle in with the Scandinavian concept of "hygge,". It's pronounced "hoo-guh" and describes a feeling of contentment and coziness that comes from comfort and conviviality. The concept of hygge is about incorporating slow living into your life, and making time for relaxation and coziness.

In the midst of honoring saints and sinners, veterans and sacrifices, we enter the season of gratitude. Thanksgiving Day is at its latest this year, Nov. 28. We have much for which to be thankful in this cold season where many have no heat, no money to buy oil or wood, or even a shelter/place to live. While we are slowing down and relaxing in our "hygge" at home and with friends/family, may we remember those who are not as fortunate. Sharing meals, giving money to the church to help our community, praying and lifting up others are all ways we can honor, celebrate, and show praise and gratitude to our Provident God.

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17

Be Blessed by being a blessing ~
Pastor Bette

music ministry



Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul.

~ Johann Sebastian Bach

This quote from JS Bach reminds me that beautiful music is honored by God as people use their gifts to honor him. I am so very thankful that people are doing that right here at 2nd Congregational. This month The Chancel Choir has been sharing in service and the On A Ring and A Prayer Ensemble shared in Music on October 13. The Understanding Music Reading Class continues on Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Choir Room and has participants honing their skills in how to follow and read music. We are learning to follow the notes on the staff this week and will be moving into how to hold your own part soon. Speak to me if you are interested in learning about this class.

Time Change: Wednesdays at 4:30pm is the new time for Choir Rehearsal.



I am searching for more lower voices to participate in our choir. People desiring to honor God by singing and having skills to follow music and match pitch are welcome to participate. Wondering if this is a place for you to share in the service and use your gifts? Please, come see me. We can find out together.

We would like to welcome Rebecca Hansard and Sue Chipman to the Bell Choir. We will miss Lee Houghton as he needs time to heal and recover and has taken a break from Bells.



It's signup time for Special Music! Please reach out to me at 432-4497 or sccwchoir@gmail to plan on sharing in the festive season that will be here soon. It would be wonderful to have special music for the season of Thanksgiving as well as Advent and Christmas.



I would like to thank you all for being patient as I am learning to play all the manuals and the pedal board on the beautiful organ at Second congregational. It is a beautiful organ, and I feel grateful to be able to play it.

Thank you, Beverly Pacheco



Heavenly Father, in Your compassion, please bring healing and recovery to those listed. Touch them with Your healing hand and restore their strength. Ease their pain and mend what is broken. Surround them with Your peace and comfort. In Jesus' Name we pray for...

This Prayer List is provided to encourage you to keep these special people in your prayers during the week. If you know an individual you would like added to this list, please talk with the person and get their permission before having them added to the prayer list. (In some instances, we know that this may not be possible). If your loved one has received the healing Grace of God, please let us know so we can remove them from the prayer list.

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| Lorraine Strout by Linda K. | Stuart Mank |
| Linda L. by Karen C. | Daniel by Melody S. |
| Gabe DeRaps | Stan Waltz by Melody S. |
| Bob Carpenter | Brent Lawson by Melody S. |
| Jessica by Sue C. | Romeo Jackson by Melody S. |
| Lee Houghton | Nathan Lanphier by Clint L. |
| Sheila A. by Tina B. | Brenda King |
| Joel Kinney by Janice O. | Sue Mercier by Linda L. |
| Emily Beattie | Nathaniel Parkinson by Linda L. |
| Tiny Dodge by Jonathan | Sandy Gammon |
| Regina Pitt | Steve Davis |
| Walter Pendleton | Marie Hardy-Fuller |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Nov. 4 - Freda Hill
- Nov. 6 - Gregory Cifaldo
- Nov. 8 - Jay Cifaldo
- Nov. 8 - Amanda Field
- Nov. 19 - Kim Cohen
- Nov. 19 - Walter Kaler
- Nov. 23 - Albert Overlock
- Nov. 24 - Kristina Ott
- Nov. 24 - Becky Ruggieri
- Nov. 24 - John Hagin
- Nov. 25 - Clinton Lanphier
- Nov. 30 - Merle Vanner

If your special day is not listed please contact the office.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Nov. 1 - Brad & Valerie Miller



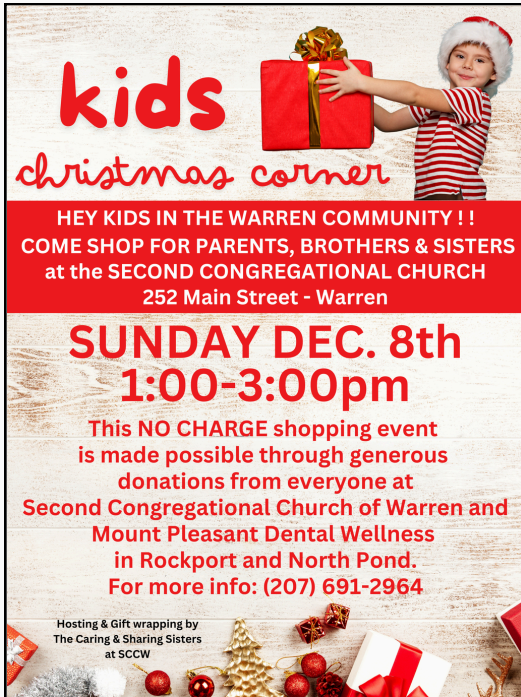
Help feed those struggling this season of giving by donating any non-perishable item to our local food pantry. Look for the food barrel in the Church foyer, and kindly place your donations in a bag inside the barrel. **Be mindful of 'use by' dates, they do not accept expired food items.** Your donations are appreciated.

This month items needed are: canned veggies, stuffing mix, cranberry and apple sauce..

IMPORTANT DATES & HAPPENINGS

- Sun. Nov. 3rd - 2am REMEMBER TO TURN CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR
All Saints/All Souls remembrance during service
- Sun. Nov. 3rd - Caring & Sharing Sisters hosting a Harvest Brunch after service. Join us!
- Sun. Nov. 10th - Holly Berry Fair Grandma's Attic Donation Deadline
Veteran Recognition - Remembering all those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.
- Mon. Nov. 11th - VETERANS DAY - Thank you to all who served.
- Sun. Nov. 17th - Sunday Healing Service
- Sat. Nov. 23rd - Holly Berry Fair 8:00am-2:00pm with luncheon, Grandmas attic and Santa visit
- Wed. Nov. 27th - 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service here at SCCW with the Warren Baptist Church.
- Thur. Nov. 28th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE! BE BLESSED, BE THANKFUL
- Thur. Dec. 5th - Donation Deadline - Kids Christmas Corner new and nearly new items (See flyer next page)
- Sun. Dec. 8th - 1-3pm - Kids Christmas Corner free shopping spree
- Sun. Dec. 8th - 4:00pm - Christmas Tree Lighting in the Park (See flyer next page)
Cookie donations needed for this event.

SPECIAL TWO EVENT DAY - December 8th



kids
christmas corner

HEY KIDS IN THE WARREN COMMUNITY !!
COME SHOP FOR PARENTS, BROTHERS & SISTERS
at the **SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**
252 Main Street - Warren

SUNDAY DEC. 8th
1:00-3:00pm

This NO CHARGE shopping event
is made possible through generous
donations from everyone at
Second Congregational Church of Warren and
Mount Pleasant Dental Wellness
in Rockport and North Pond.
For more info: (207) 691-2964

Hosting & Gift wrapping by
The Caring & Sharing Sisters
at SCCW

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The Board of Christian Education (Becky, Michelle, Kat) have teamed up with the Caring & Sharing Sisters to present to the community a special event. **Kids Christmas Corner**. Children will come in and choose gifts (FREE OF CHARGE) for their parents and siblings in a hidden space away from their parents. They will then take their gifts into one of the classrooms where C&S Sisters will be on hand to wrap the gifts for them. A FUN TIME!

We are asking for donations for the kids shopping spree. New or nearly new gift items for men, women and children. Thank you.



Christmas
Tree Lighting

Warren Woolen Mill Park at the Gazebo
SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH - 4:00 PM
Dress warmly and bring a flashlight

Hot Chocolate
Cookies
Christmas Carolling
Santa's coming to town
Visit with Santa

Event hosted by
The Warren Park Committee - The Warren Baptist Church
Second Congregational Church of Warren
with special thanks to the Warren Fire Department and the Warren Town Office

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SCCW and the Warren Baptist Church have teamed up to bring back to the community the Tree Lighting in the Park. Pastor Pat and Rev. Bette will be there to lead the people in Christmas Carolling. We will be asking for cookie donations for this event. The Baptist Church will provide the Hot Chocolate. Santa will be arriving around 4:30pm in the Warren Fire Department truck. So much FUN! Join us.

**Rev. Dr. Irvin Gammon was installed to the First Congregational Church in Camden.
Moderator, Philip Anderson with the "Covenant of Installation".
Irv with his wife Brenda at the special dinner in his honor.**





Deacon Notices

Submitted by Cindy Bland



IN...OUT ENTER...EXIT

You will notice new signs on our driveway. PLEASE DON'T GET WORKED UP. We will NOT scold anyone for going in the out driveway! We do not have hidden cameras. We do not have parking lot police. We only want safety for those visiting our church. SO...on the busy days of our church - church suppers, Ladies Circle Holly Berry Fair, weddings and Celebrations of Life, it will be so much safer if we, and our guests, follow the signs and all go in the same direction. Thank you for understanding and retraining your brain.

DO YOU HAVE A NEED?

The winter season is before us, bringing extra challenges to our daily routines and to our budgets. The deacons would like to lighten some of the worries that come with the season; how will I get my walk/driveway cleared, how will I get out for my groceries or get to church, the kids have all outgrown their winter boots, fuel bills/tax bills/Christmas giving. Worries can be overwhelming at times, and you just need someone to stop by and visit. We, your church family, would like to help. There will be box on the Deacon's table at the back of the church during the next several months. Know that you can ask for help confidentially by placing a note in the box. A Deacon will check it once or twice a week and reach out to you.

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Mission Gratitude



The Mission Board wishes to thank one and all for supporting Mission Month in October. We invited 3 organizations, Midcoast Habitat, WAMITS, and Boothbay V.E.T.S., to share what they are doing to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Those who spoke during Mission Moments were passionate about what they do and never give up no matter the obstacles! And there are many!

Missions supported all 3, as did Caring and Sharing, with monetary donations. For the Boothbay V.E.T.S., we collected a love offering and presented them with \$1061 while they opened up one of the reconfigured trailers for the congregation to see. It was obvious to all who attended the care and compassion that goes into every one of these trailers. As Ed said over and over, "We never give up on anyone!"

The Mission Board invites organizations to do Mission Moments from time to time so the congregation better understands where their mission offering is going. We sincerely hope October was a very special month in the life of our church.

Your Mission Board, Gayle, Irene, Marcia, Sharon and Valerie

Mission Month Memories

Thank you all for your generous support of these missions.

**Sunday October 13th
Habitat for Humanity**



**Sunday October 20th
WAMITS.org
Walk A Mile In Their Shoes**

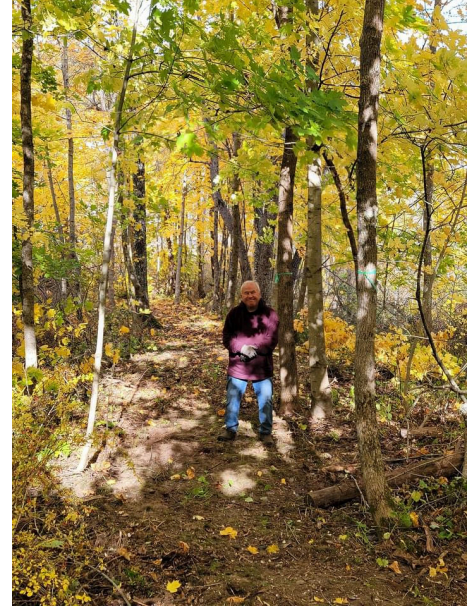
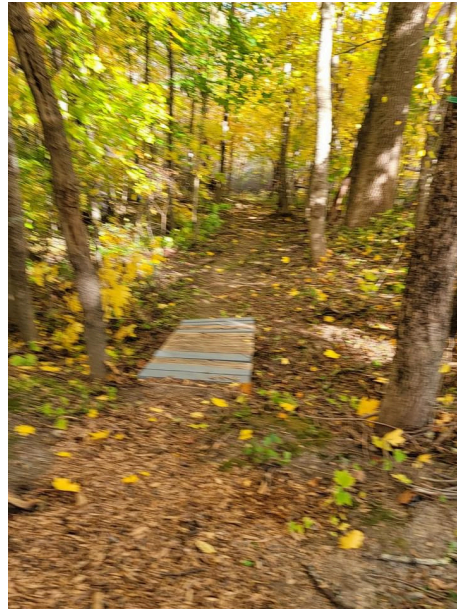


**Sunday October 27th
Boothbay V.E.T.S
Photos below
courtesy of Hope Creighton**

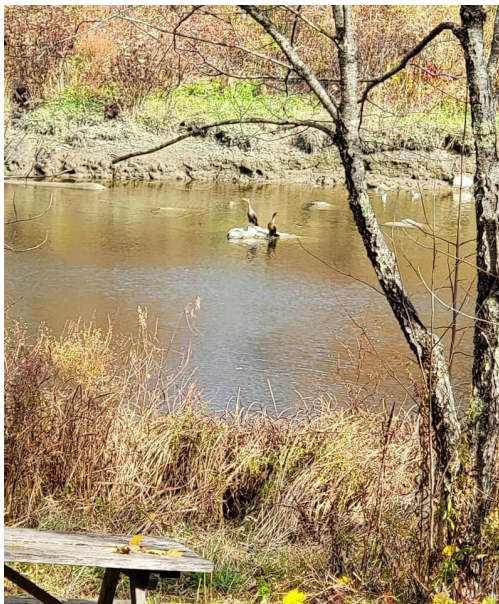


**Mr. Ed Harmon spoke on behalf of the Boothbay V.E.T.S.
The trailer on site was roomy enough to accommodate the very tall Merle Vanner.**

Our own *Backyard*



Extend a big thank you to the men's group and to the Lanphiers. They cleared a path to the river. Take a walk down before the snow flies. It's a beautiful and serene site.



AIO NEWS – FALL 2024 - (Submitted by Pat Weaver)

Hello AIO supporter and advocate

Sometimes it is hard to keep up with the seasons and the passing of time. Naively, I thought that with the Energy Assistance and Weekend Meals Programs on a hiatus, it would be quieter, but we filled the summer with a blur of events like the North Atlantic Blues and Lobster Festivals and programming enhancements like the addition of our food delivery van. Now with the expansion of Weekend Meals, the start of the Energy Assistance program, and a continuing increase in membership, AIO has been as busy as ever.

We're now up to 1,590 unique households who have come to AIO for services this year. Those households include about 3,775 people or about 9% of Knox County! Feeding America has estimated that 11.9% of Knox County residents are food insecure so while we are edging closer to the goal of insuring that no person in the County need worry about food or make the decision to skip a meal so they can get medical help, or stay warm, or pay for housing, we know there are still have more families in the community who need our help. Expanding awareness and reducing the barriers to accessing AIO services are constantly on my mind, and I am ever amazed and grateful for the passion, compassion, and dedication of so many who share the same desire to help others make it through the challenges of life.

In this newsletter you'll many stories and updates of all that is going on at AIO as we pursue this mission. Thank you for your support and I hope to see you soon.

Best Wishes to you and your families,
Alan Kearl, Executive Director, AIO Food & Energy Assistance
alan@aiofoodpantry.org

You're Invited!

Join **Pastor Nate Colson** of the West Gorham Union Church & **Barbara Staires** of ExploreMore, Affordable and Customized Travel for a journey that's sure to be exciting and memorable!

We're planning a group trip to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

September 16-19, 2025

A customized itinerary is in the works!

Highlights of the trip include:

- **Exploring the Peaceful and Historical Amish Country**
Step back in time and take part in a guided tour to learn about Amish customs and traditions.
- **Attending a live performance of *Noah* at the Sight & Sound Theater,**
(Learn more at: [Sight & Sound Theatres](#))

If you're interested in joining us you can email Barbara at: info@exploremoretravel.org, or call: 833-396-0125. Please provide your name, email address and phone number.

Once we have an exact count of our group size, we will be able to provide a quote for you.

Don't miss out, sign up today!

Something to
THINK
About...



HALLOWEEN HAPPENED AT SCCW



Thank you to everyone for the large candy bar donations. 175 candy bars were handed out. It was a warm and beautiful night. Rev. Bette joined us and made a new furry friend. Addy Ruggieri warmed up to the old man. Gunner and Kyllie stopped by as well as nearly 100 children. Only one child was not afraid of the 'old man', Lennon Robinson, maybe because he knows it's Uncle Sterling under that mask!



Thanksgiving EVE November 27th - 6:30PM
we will be having service here at Second Congregational with
our sister church up the hill, the Warren Baptist Church.
Pastor Pat Anders will be officiating
and their choir will be singing. Please join us.

May this day be a beautiful reminder of the wonderful things in your life.
Happy Thanksgiving to all.

A Leaf's View



I was told I was a late bloomer by those hanging right near me.

I was born in middle Spring at the top of an old oak tree.

I remember the day quite clearly, not really wanting to uncurl,
but the sun tapped my underside and wished me to unfurl.

Gradually I opened up to greet the sky overhead,
the veins in my body throbbed from stretching out of bed.

The manner in which I dangled was so loose and perilously high,
it gave me a spectacular view which angled so far and wide.

Other leaves from other trees waved and welcomed me —
I shyly returned one back to them feeling so happy and carefree.

I grew a bit as each day went by, taking in my surrounding,
of all places to sprout my blades I had beauty in the abounding:
on a hill up to my right was a farm with some sheep bleating,
cows moored and lowed in early morn; it was a pleasant form of greeting.

To my left from what I could see, beyond the numerous leaves,
a pond lapped its ripples upon a shore beneath other oak canopies.

At times I'd wake so very early, the sun just barely rising,
I'd search the fields out yonder, what I saw was always surprising.

Fox and deer, and little rodents would scurry here and there —
one time I actually saw a moose, and another I spied a bear!

I loved my home as days they passed, and, of course, there was
the weather threat'ning to loosen us, but we clung unwavering together.

We'd had some really wild rides with wind ripping about,
it screamed and howled and whooshed right through, trying to make our strength give out.

Then on some days the rain would pour, it would literally make us glisten,
and the steady drumming on our tree was more than we could listen.

Fall upon us, I was bedazzled with the colors we produced.

I tried to show-off my orange-red cape, my kingdom people were seduced.

I'd flutter under the cerulean sky — it made me feel so young,
but my days were numbered, I knew not why, my stem would not hold for long.

It was a day so brilliantly lit; we were all gloriously dressed —
a breeze was teasing us to play, we flapped and showed our best.

Then it happened, so gracefully, my steadfast anchor let go.

I barely had time to say good-bye as I was cradled in the flow.

I floated with ease up and down, a few somersaults I rolled,
the breeze took me to the pond, I lay flat with perfect control.

As I gazed at the sky again, the sun warmed me on top,
the coolness of the pond below made me wish it would not stop.

A hand scooped me in its palm, adoring eyes upon me gazed —
now I am forever pressed on a favorite album's page.



Submitted anonymously



BOTTLE DRIVE
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Returnable bin is in the downstairs Fellowship room. We thank you kindly for your donations.

Please empty your bags directly into the bin.

Also please empty the bottles before putting them into bags and be sure the bags you bring in do not have holes.

Leaky bags are no fun!

To Volunteer at the Children's Clothing Exchange, contact CCE Director - Susan Lombardo 207-701-7622

FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



- Current office hours are Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am to 1:00pm
- Newsletters are mailed and emailed once a month on or near the first of the month.
- Information to be put in the newsletter is due ON or BEFORE the 28th of each month.
- If you need a newsletter mailed to you, please contact the office. Printed copies are available upon request.
- Rev. Bette office hours to meet with you are Mondays 10-2, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-6. Please call to arrange a meeting.

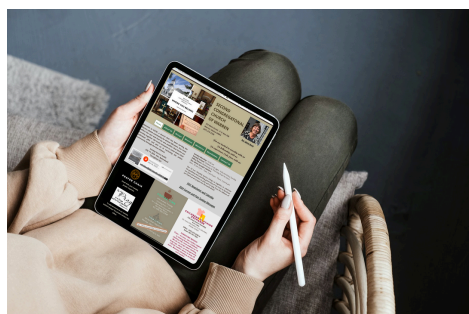


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DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	MISSIONS
10/06	43	\$2580.00	\$568.00
10/13	60	1330.00	N/A
10/20	42	930.00	72.00
10/27	66	1232,99	159.00



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November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 10:00am Service Celebrate All Saints Day Daylight Saving Begins Harvest Brunch C&S	4 10am Ladies Circle 1pm Bible Study 6:30p Caring/Sharing	5 9-11am Table Talk	6 12pm Missions	7 9-11am CCE 4pm Deacon Meeting	8 9-11am CCE 6:30pm Trustee Meeting	9 9am Men's Group Meeting
10 10:00am Service Veterans' recognition CH: Ladies Circle 17	11 Veterans Day	12 9-11am Table Talk No Bible Study	13	14 9-11am CCE 6:30pm Trustee Meeting	15	16
10:00am Service Healing Service CH: The Congregation 24 10:00am Service	18	19 9-11am Table Talk 1pm Bible Study	20	21 9-11am CCE	22	23
CH: Caring/Sharing	25	26 9-11am Table Talk 1pm Bible Study	27 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30
LITURGIST 11/03 Merle Vanner 11/10 Gayle White 11/17 Garry Fisher 11/24 Pat Weaver	DEACONS 11/03 Karen C. & Eric O. 11/10 Cindy B. & Weston A. 11/17 Susan L. & Eric O. 11/24 Cindy B. & Karen C.	TRUSTEES 11/03 Irene Maxcy 11/10 Sandra Overlock 11/17 Marcia Cifaldo 11/24 Sterling Robinson	GREETERS 11/03 Steven & Betty Davis 11/10 Sharon & Dave Landry 11/17 January & Jon 11/24 Pat & Sam C.	HOSPITALITY 11/03 Men's Group 11/10 Ladies Circle 11/17 Congregation 11/24 Caring/Sharing		

NOTE: Above duties are subject to change. Office hours: Wed. & Thurs. 8-12 Rev. Bette visiting hours: Mon: 10-1 Tues:2-6 Thurs: 2-6 CH: Denotes Coffee Hour

Video Gentle Chair Yoga – Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30am