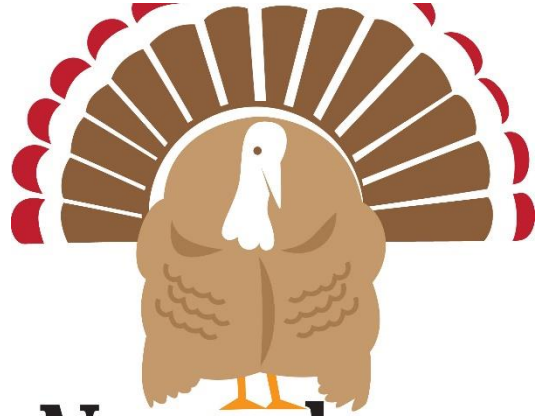


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR 	2 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men's Group - PH	3 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	4	5 
6 22nd Pentecost 9 am – Holy Eucharist	7 12:00 pm Hi-Noon 6:00 pm Scouts-PH	8 6:00 pm Vestry 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR 	9 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Committee Mtg – PH 6:30 pm Men's Group - TBD	10 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	11 	12
13 23rd Pentecost 9 am – Morning Prayer 2 pm – Piano Recital	14 6:00 pm Scouts-PH	15 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR Noon – Book Club Mtg – L	16 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men's Group - PH	17 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	18	19
20 Last Pentecost 9 am – Holy Eucharist	21 6:00 pm Scouts-PH	22 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR	23 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 	24 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	25	26
27 1 st Advent 9 am – Holy Eucharist	28 6:00 pm Scouts-PH	29 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH,MR	30 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L 6:30 pm Men's Group - PH			

Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen; MG=Memorial Garden



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Dear Grace Community of Faith,

Good day to everyone. As we plan to celebrate Thanksgiving this month with family and friends, let's take a moment to hold in prayer our community members who won't have their loved ones at the table. As we are gathering this year naming to God the things and people in our lives that we are grateful for, let us be grateful for each other.

As we get closer to the holiday, let's also remember what Thanksgiving was supposed to be, what it actually is, and how we can truly celebrate it in the name of God. Let's celebrate it with the love and compassion as it was taught to us by Our Savior Jesus Christ.

What was thanksgiving really about? There were straggly, starving English men, women, and children longing to call this continent's shores their home as they were fleeing from religious persecution. As these humble Pilgrims set foot on dry land, they may as well have landed on another planet. They had no idea what foods could make you sick or kill you. The local Native tribes of The Wampanoag took pity on the Pilgrims in their time of great need. This friendship, founded on love and compassion, was washed from memory in only a few years. The Wampanoag were met with brutal violence. Many Native Americans don't celebrate Thanksgiving due their fellow Wampanoag's experience of great sadness.

Yet this day still holds one thing that has not left its story--the beauty of compassion and friendship that the Wampanoags showed our nation's early settlers. Thanksgiving is a reminder that it's important to always show compassion to others who might seem different from us. The Hebrew Bible often spoke about taking care of the foreigner, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow.

We can take the deep part of this holiday that is about love, honor, and kindness. We can also hold in prayer our Native American brothers and sisters who were harmed by violence for years. Many women in Native American communities were kidnapped, harmed or went missing, even today. We can be thankful for the fact that the Episcopal Church in Connecticut has made many strides forward by giving honor, respect, and a professional apology on behalf of the church for taking the language, culture, and families away from Native American children in Episcopal Schools within Connecticut, New England and around our nation. The ECCT is having parishes give back to the communities that have been forgotten and subjected to violence in the name of God. We know in our hearts that this is not what God would want for the people of the earth.

We can reflect on the love that was given many years ago between the Pilgrims and The Wampanoag Tribes.

Peace and Joy, Rev. Val



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in November

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
All Saints Day November 1, 2022	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
All Soul's Day (All Faithful Departed) November 2, 2022	Wisdom 3:1-9 or 116:10-17	Psalm 130 or 116:10-17	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or Isaiah 25:6-9	John 5:24-27 or 1 Corinthians 15:50- 58
22 nd Pentecost November 6, 2022	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 Or Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
23 rd Pentecost November 13, 2022	Isaiah 65:17-25	Canticle 9	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Last Pentecost November 20, 2022	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Canticle 4 or Canticle 16	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Thanksgiving Day November 25, 2022	Joel 2:21-27	Psalm 126	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33
1st Advent November 27, 2022	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
St. Andrew November 30, 2022	Deuteronomy 30:11- 14	Psalm 19 or 19:1-6	Romans 10:8b-18	Matthew 4:18-22





Greetings,

"It's the most wonderful time of the year...."--- ok, it's almost that time. However, November is a great time of the year because it has Thanksgiving in it! This means that we gather together (we can do that if we are still careful) to ask the Lord's blessing over what we want to give thanks for this year. We take time to remember what has happened in our lives and the lives of our family and friends. We can think about what we did do and maybe what is still on our to-do list (and I don't mean our Christmas shopping list). We share a special meal with family and friends with perhaps conversation about a Jesus moment in our lives (maybe Jesus helped us score a "touchdown" in our lives). We might even spend some time serving those in need on Thanksgiving. Our parish will be collecting Thanksgiving food items for the town of Newington. We will have our gathering of the food items at our November 13th service.

This is also the month to say thank you to all our veterans who have served and are serving in all branches of our military. It was originally called Armistice Day marking the end of WWI on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month" in 1918. It became known as Veterans Day in 1954.

We also honor the people who were on the lands before we came here. It is Native American Heritage Month, also known as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. There is much information available to learn about the Indigenous People who were here first.

Mark your calendars for the fabulous North Central/North East Regional Convocation on 12/03/22 at The Church of St. Andrew the Apostle in Rocky Hill. The theme is Coming Together for Conversation with Each Other and Our Bishops. More details will be available in the near future.

November 20th will be the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Church of Christ Congregational at 7 pm. They will be accepting donations of cash and canned goods.

This seems to be a month of marking our calendars for church-related events to attend or make contributions. But it is also a month to continue to take time out to offer prayers to God on behalf of those in need, including ourselves. We must be ever vigilant as to what is going on in our town, state, nation, and the world. We can pray for peace, climate control, racial reconciliation, equality and justice for all, the end of gun violence, and the cure of so many diseases which are all essential concerns. OR - we can simply pray for love because the world needs a lot more of it! Remember we all have ministries to share the Good News with all those we meet.

Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings that we have even in the times we might not think we are so blessed. God is good—All the time.

Stay safe-stay well- stay connected- vax to the max
Cj

PS...."What city is home to the oldest Thanksgiving Parade?"



11/03	JoAnn Cromwell
11/13	Jessica Flynn
11/14	Lorraine Belyea
11/16	Mabel Maynard
11/24	Marisa Casciano



Hi-Noon – All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend the meetings of Hi-Noon. The group's activities vary and are a combination of informative, cultural, social and entertaining events.

October - Last month we visited Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford. We shared snacks and lunch at the winery while enjoying glasses of Connecticut wine.

Monday, November 7, Noon, Tour of Middlewoods of Newington: Independent and Assisted Living Community. Following lunch in the Parish Hall we will carpool. Bring your bag lunch. Coffee and tea served.

Monday, December 5 – Annual Holiday Party – A pasta lunch and Holiday Sing-a-long will highlight this party in the Parish Hall. If able please bring a salad or dessert to share. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served. Thank you Nancy for again providing the homemade pasta main dish. If possible, please RSVP by leaving a message at the Church office – 860-666-3331 (RSVP appreciated, not required).

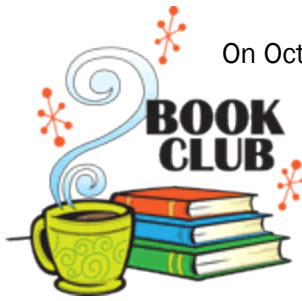


November 6	Holy Eucharist
November 13	Morning Prayer Food Ingathering for Holiday Baskets
November 20	Holy Eucharist
November 20	Interfaith Service at Church of Christ Congregational – 7 pm
November 27	Holy Eucharist



The deadline for the December issue is Tuesday, November 22. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.





On October 19th the Grace Church Book Club had its monthly book discussion. As we usually do we had our meeting in the library at 12 pm and we each brought a bag lunch or something to eat.

Our discussion was about The Sun Does Shine by Anthony Ray Hinton, a powerful read written by a man who spent 30 years on death row for crimes he didn't commit. It became an instant bestseller and was an Oprah Book selection in 2018.

We each thought it was amazing story on its own, made more so by the fact it was true! It chronicles the multiple outrages of racial bias in the criminal justice system in Alabama. In 1985, at the age of 28, he was wrongly convicted for the murder of two restaurant managers. He continued to maintain his innocence and fight for his freedom while on death row and with the help of civil rights attorney, Bryan Stevenson, he filed an appeal to the Supreme Court and won the right to have his case retried. His perseverance and spirit are incredible and should give us pause when we complain about a minor inconvenience or slight.

The injustice of the legal system is a reality and this extraordinary man lifts us up as we consider the resilience of the human spirit and as the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu said "an amazing and heartwarming story, it restores our faith in the inherent goodness of humanity." An excellent book and highly recommended.

As an aside, Bryan Stevenson is a lawyer, a social justice activist and is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. The EJI has helped hundreds of wrongly convicted individuals and is influential in shaping criminal justice policy reform, including abolishing the death penalty, ending abusive and violent prison conditions and fighting the racial disparities at the heart of these issues. He is the author of Just Mercy, another highly recommended book.

Our next book club meeting is on Tuesday, November 15 at 12 noon in the library, note the day and date change. The book we are reading is The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn.

For December we order a take-out lunch from the Italian Gourmet and just have a nice relaxing gathering of food and fellowship. We also will be doing a fun little activity this year. The date for that is Tuesday, December 13 at 12 noon in the library. Again please note the day and date change.

Happy Reading,

Melissa Haseley



Food Collection

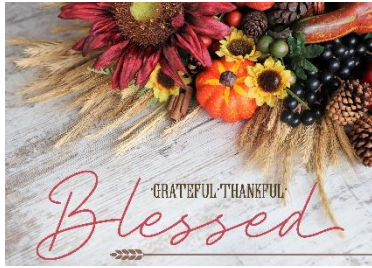
Newington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank by donating stuffing, pineapple, canned/boxed potatoes, pickles, nuts, pie crust mix/fillings, other holiday specialties and grocery store gift cards. You are truly the hands of Jesus serving the poor. Bless you all and thank you for your ongoing generosity.

JoAnn Cromwell



We are still collecting ink and toner cartridges. Please drop off in the box on the shelf in the narthex.





The Belyea family wishes to thank our Grace Church family for all the care and helpful hands during the Celebration of Life service and luncheon for Robert Belyea. We are grateful for all you love and support. Blessings, Lorraine



JoAnn Cromwell and I have had the pleasure of working on the Angel Tree since the 1990s. We were active in the Connecticut Episcopal Church Women and one year we attended a meeting at St.

Mary's in Manchester. They had a lovely setup with a small tree and a list of gifts and a sign explaining the purpose of the Tree.



ELECTION DAY

Don't forget to vote!
Election Day is Tuesday,
November 8.



SWEATERS FOR VETERANS

Through Friday, November 11, Duksa funeral homes (Newington memorial, Burritt Hill and Fisette-Batzner) will be collecting NEW outerwear, sweaters and gloves (with the tags still attached) to donate to veterans in VA hospitals and Veterans homes in Connecticut. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex or in the blue bins outside the front doors.

We decided to set one up at Grace Church. We asked Newington HumanServices for a list of their clients who had asked for gifts. We set up the tree at the back of the church, with tags of angels listing the age of the person making the request and the item. It was set up on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and every tag was taken and the gifts brought in by the second Sunday in December.

Our primary variation was to decide to give to the elderly, as many gifts for children were coming in, and the elderly can be overlooked.

This year's tree will be up soon.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Angel Tree all of these years.

Beverley Manning

**Thanksgiving, after all, is
a word of action.**

W.J. Cameron



QUICK UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	<u>SEPTEMBER OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTAL 2022 BUDGET</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 6,632	\$ 46,970	\$ 45,697	\$ 63,468
<u>INCOME:</u>	\$ 12,255	\$ 73,721	\$ 72,993	\$ 101,028
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$ 8,867)	(\$ 91,943)	(\$ 99,917)	(\$ 130,248)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	\$ 3,388	(\$ 18,222)	(\$ 26,924)	(\$ 29,220)
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 14,171		<i>End 2021 Checkbook:</i>	\$ 32,797



Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
	22 nd Pentecost	23 rd Pentecost	Last Pentecost	1 st Advent
	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
Clergy	Rev. Valerie Miller		Rev. Valerie Miller	Rev. Valerie Miller
Deacon/LWL	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz
		JoAnn Cromwell		
LECTOR	Marie Ritchie	Beverley Manning	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Rogorzinski	Kathy Shoemaker	Kathy Shoemaker	Jane Stewart
	Nancy DiPrato	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Elizabeth Welk
COUNTERS		Melissa Haseley		Walt Parker
		JoAnn Cromwell		Lorraine Belyea

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