



Epistle

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One of many memorable experiences of my summer sabbatical was the opportunity Tora and I had to volunteer at two innovative ministries—one in Philadelphia and the other in Washington D.C. These creative churches were focused. They focused on direct support to those in need in their community, were advocates helping people get back on their feet, and faithfully worked to change larger systems so such systems would be less harsh, callous, and bureaucratic. I thought of all this last Wednesday afternoon as I stood at St. Joseph's Kitchen talking with some of our guests after dinner. One woman came to me in tears to tell me how she had just lost her job at Wal-Mart. She spoke passionately about how hard she had tried to do her job. She had worked there for three years, had trained many new employees, and had been in line for a small hourly increase in wages. But, instead of receiving an increase she had been let go. Her feeling was that the store did not want to pay her more so sent her packing. She made it clear that if anyone had asked she would have been willing to forego the raise simply to keep her job. But nobody had asked. I thought she probably needed the raise because she has already been a patron of our pantry. But now without a job she is also making use of St. Joseph's Kitchen. I was grateful we could offer her food, care, and a listening ear. Then one of our volunteers, a member of South who had herself been through a recent time of unemployment, came up and joined our conversation. She offered many practical thoughts about how to navigate the unemployment system. The two of them continued on in conversation. I was grateful for this on the spot advocacy work taking place before my eyes. This is what ministry in the name of Jesus is all about.

But there is more. I encounter over and over again adults of all ages, races, and family situations who are low-paid workers trying to move forward in this current economy. It feels that no matter how hard they try, for many, the system throws up one roadblock after another: layoffs, closings, arbitrary firings, changes in hours, callous managers, etc. The Biblical tradition--Moses, the Prophets, and Jesus—calls upon us as people of faith to care for the “widow, orphan, and immigrant”, to stand with them, listen to them, and together seek ways to make the systems we all struggle with more humane, more just, more rooted in the reality that we are all children of God worthy of respect and dignity. Through the Mission Board South Church has joined the local faith-based community organizing effort that is seeking to embody more of these Biblical principles. I am hopeful this could lead to good things for our community and for those who bear the brunt of our harsh systems.

In addition on Saturday, October 19 at Old Parish Church in Sheffield a workshop is being offered by our Berkshire Association to help local churches embody this spirit of seeking dignity, respect, and justice for all. This workshop, “Justice: Leaders Engaging and Developing”, beginning at 9 a.m. is for both clergy and lay members and will be of great help to us here at South in the dynamic community ministry that keeps being called forth from us by the Holy One among us. There is information about this workshop within this Epistle. If you would like to join me on October 19, let me or a member of the Mission Board know. I am grateful that the experiences of summer are so authentically finding expression in the ministries we share together. May the peace of God be with you in this beautiful season.

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The next Epistle deadline is October 27 at 11 a.m.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptism:

Evan Thomas Mulcahy September 8
Son of Carrie and Neal Mulcahy and brother to Alexis and Colin.

Birth:

Carmelo David Coco September 13
Parents are Kelly Sullivan Coco and Jeff Coco.
Older brother is Jace.
Grandparents are Kerry and Michael Sullivan

A Very Welcome Note From Barbara Rice

Dear South,

Thank you, thank you for such a lovely send-off on September 1st. I was overwhelmed by your generosity and warmth. I love the shaker box, the hymnal and the key chain that the children made. The key chain now has all the new keys for my new church and it helps me feel connected to your spirits!

I miss you all and wish you peace and joy.

Much love,
Barbara Rice

P.S. Thanks to for the great reception and delicious cake!



Berkshire Association News –
Two Upcoming Events

On Saturday, October 19 at Sheffield's Old Parish Church, beginning at 9 a.m. a workshop will be held on how to move from Charity to Justice in our local church ministries of Outreach and Mission.

The workshop led by Rev. Peter Wells and Rev. Bill Neil is entitled: “Justice: Leaders Engaging and Developing.” It is for both clergy and lay members who would like to deepen local church ministries that seek justice and wholeness in the Spirit of Christ. \$10 registration includes lunch. Peter Wells and Bill Neil, Facilitators

Sunday, November 3 at First Church in Pittsfield at 3 p.m., the Fall Gathering of the Berkshire Association with Worship and a Workshop will be held. First Church's Worship Team will lead a Jazz Vespers Service and facilitator, Karen Nell will present a Workshop on “Developing Healthy Communications in the Local Church.”

All of our Berkshire Association clergy and lay are welcome to come together for this joyous afternoon of worship and learning.

Reverend Joel

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United, Berkshire Unit, is sponsoring World Community Day, Saturday, November 2, 2013. It will be held at the First United Congregational Church of Dalton, 514 North Street, Dalton, Mass. Registration at 9:30, program from 10:00-2:00, with a break for lunch.

Speakers will share Celtic Spirituality and Native American Culture. Lunch is \$10.00 at the door or pre-registered, \$8.00, by October 27, 2013. Thank you.

Karen Allender – 442-9877
or-email-sdfarmgirl@juno.com



MODERATOR'S MUSINGS ***Invitation from*** ***First Church***

First Church has been having a series of themed after-church lunches this summer. The purpose of the potluck lunches is to discuss important issues and our roles as Christians plus to build community.

South Church members are invited to participate in the last one of this series on October 20th, Sunday, themed on immigration. The time is 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. Bring a dish to share. A guest speaker will do a 30-minute talk on immigration. Discussion at each table will be facilitated by prepared questions ending with a general reporting.

Contact the First Church office to let them know you will be coming. (413)447-7351.

(From Dana Noble, Moderator, First Church)

Call for Imagination!

The Church Council is looking for members with imagination and marketing interests to help South Church tell the good news. Do you have ideas that might draw new friends into our faith community?

- *How can we make our website more effective www.southchurchpittsfield.org
- *Would you like to manage our Facebook page?
- *Can you imagine banners decorating the front of the church?
- *Do you have ideas for speakers or programs or activities?

Speak with Joel or Mary Rentz to learn more or get involved.

Feasibility Study for Capital Fund Drive

October is a month of great consequence for South Church, as we hear the results of the Capital Campaign feasibility study and make our decision about going forward.

The Church Council will meet with consultant Rev. Jay Terbush on October 13 after church. Based on what we hear, the Council will make a recommendation to be voted on at a church meeting Sunday, October 27th.

We hope you will plan to be part of the discussion and cast your vote.

Moderator's Musings - continued ***The Miniature Christmas Trees*** ***are Coming!***

Members and friends of South Church have been decorating miniature Christmas trees again this year to auction for the benefit of the Food Pantry.

From October 10th until November 8th, our 20 themed little trees will be in Steven Valenti's window on North Street. The Silent Auction book will be inside his store, ready for any bids that come along. The Silent Auction will close on November 9th at 3 pm at our Church Fair, and the lucky bidders will take home the trees after they've left a nice donation for the Food Pantry.

We are grateful to Steven Valenti for supporting our Food Pantry in this way for a third year in a row! With more than 360 families receiving bags of food each week, help from the greater community means a lot!

Plan on stopping in Steven Valenti's Men's Clothing Store to see and bid on these delightful trees. Next month we will list the trees and their makers.

Mary Rentz, Moderator 442-6732

Spiritual Support Group ***Thursdays at 6:30***

Do you ever feel that some part of your life is unmanageable—that there is a problem you can't let go, it won't let you go, and you end up spinning in endless circles? What if this problem could become an invitation to experience life in a deeper way?

Utilizing the wisdom of the 12-step recovery movement—gained by wrestling with the problems of addiction--our Spiritual Support Group will use mindfulness, sharing, and readings to explore pathways to greater serenity. The group will meet weekly, beginning this Thursday, October 3, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in Pastor Joel's study. Come when you can. This group is an outgrowth of the Servant Leadership Class based on Fr. Richard Rohr's "Breathing Underwater." A daytime support group meets at St. Stephens on Tuesdays from 10–11:30 a.m. All are welcome at either group.

Reverend Joel



AND AWAY WE GO...

The Men's Forum shifted gears on October 1st when we moved from the summer series led by Jim Kresge to the fall and winter schedule. While

the summer Forum concentrates mostly on current events each week, in October we move to a theme-oriented approach. Last fall we started an extended four-month look at our environment and the impact it is having, and will continue to have on the world around us.

While the environment is a massive and troubling subject and one which will be revisited occasionally this year, our members are currently in the process of sorting through some 15 specific new ideas that program generator Bob Skidmore has recommended. We have each been asked to choose top five subjects and then to rank them from one to five to help Bob set the agenda for the year.

The interesting assortment of topics being evaluated include:

- Books – *The Price of Inequality* - Stiglitz
- Texas Tough*- Parkinson
- The Unwinding*- Packer
- Strategic Vision*- Brezinski

- Movies – “A Place at the Table”
- “Hubris”

Depending on our final vote, other Tuesdays may include a lecture by Bishop John Shelby Spong, personal biographies from our members, a Green Commission update from Bruce Collingwood, a field trip to Arrowhead, a visit from Mayor Bianchi, and discussions of other thoughtful subjects etc,etc,etc.

As you can see, however we choose our agenda it is going to be another blockbuster year. If you are male, and retired bring your lunch and join us each Tuesday at noon—and bring a friend

John Anthony
For the Forum

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PEACE

Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work;
It means to be in the midst of those things and still be Calm in Your Heart.
Unknown



LADIES BENEVOLENT

The Ladies have been very busy this past month. making table runners, place mats, and potholders, just to mention a few things that we are working on for the Harvest Craft Fair.

We will have a Silent Auction for the miniature Christmas trees. The Yarn Spinners, May Mattoon members and several others have been meeting on Monday nights to decorate some of the trees. There are many different themes and will be displayed once again in Steven Valenti's window. Stop by to enjoy them and see if you can recognize one of your ties on the larger tree.

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining us on Thursday mornings at 9:30. We are not limited to making quilts, so if you want to join us we would be **HAPPY** to have you.

Marge Demary

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 6 – World Wide Communion

Sunday and Neighbors in Need

- Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
- Psalm 37:1-9
- 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 13 – “Healing Moments”

- Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
- Psalm 66:1-12
- 2 Timothy 2:8-15
- Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 20 – “Faithful Persistence”

- Jeremiah 31:27-24
- Psalm 119:97-104
- 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
- Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 27 – Reformation Sunday/

”New Beginnings”

- Joel 2:23-32
- Psalm 65
- Psalm 84:1-17
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
- Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 27 – Alternative Worship, 7 p.m.

Tonight we will explore the themes of poverty, mercy and hope, show a brief film, share in music and mindfulness, and read the words of First Timothy 1:12 – 27.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

September began wonderfully for the Children and Youth ministry. On the 8th, Evan Mulcahy, son of Neal and Carrie Mulcahy, was baptized at the State Forest service. Sunday School opened on the 15th with a recovenanting service to welcome back and bless families and teachers.

"In Praise of Nature's Gifts," an Art Workshop was held for children the following Sunday. Objects of nature were used to create a lovely collage. It was a creative time, allowing the children to have fun getting to know each other. The last Sunday of each month will be set aside as "Can" Sunday. This mission project for the children is bringing in a monthly designated can of food to donate to our church Food Pantry. After the food is collected, the students will bring it down to the pantry and put it away.

Looking ahead, Sunday, Oct. 6th is the Annual CROP Walk. We will be putting together a South Church Team along with First Church and other downtown churches. The walk is a benefit for Church World Service's fight against hunger. Anyone interested in joining us on the walk and/or sponsoring us, please see me.

Finally, I am very happy to announce the September 13th birth of Carmelo David Coco, son of Kelly and Jeff Coco. Congratulations to the Coco Family. Congratulations also to grandparents Michael and Kerry Sullivan.

Blessings to all of you,
Ann Roche, Children/ Youth Ministry



THE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you once again for helping us serve our friends more efficiently by providing the new freezer and refrigerator. The produce and bakery items are kept fresher longer, enabling us to offer better quality products.

This past week 359 families visited the Pantry. One of the regulars has a new-born baby and two other children, a husband with back trouble who was put on the disabled list at work and is planning to have surgery. As a result they have an empty refrigerator and countless unpaid bills. There are many, many other families with different stories but with the same needs.

All the Food Pantries are once again getting together to offer turkeys and the "fixings" on Monday, November 25th, at South Church. Turkeys and pies are especially needed. Along with First Church our contribution is 800 pies and some turkeys. These items may be brought in at any time and stored in the new freezer.

Thank you, and have a peaceful fall!
Mary Wheat

Roger's Team - BMC Walk For Diabetic Education Patient Needs Fund

On Sunday, September 22, 2013 we walked on the Ashuwillicook Trail in Cheshire. It was a sunny, beautiful fall day and about forty people had a great time walking the trail and reading signs educating us about diabetes and its treatment. Roger's Team raised \$3,065.

We thank you for your contributions and encouragement. Ruth Campbell, Sara Adams, Pat Nixon and Nancy deForest walked with the Team and were great supporters of the Walk.

Thanks to all.

Audra Kinner, Captain of Roger's Team

MAY MATTOON NOTES

The May Mattoon class met Monday evening on September 9th for a covered-dish supper. A beautiful table of delicious casseroles, salads, breads, and a baked ham was a feast to please the eye and fill the stomach. If anyone left hungry, it had to be by choice. For dessert, we each had a



cupcake with one candle to celebrate the members' birthdays for the year 2013. Every member contributed one penny for each year of their lives. (We also had the choice to round it off to one dollar).

New business for this meeting was to consider helping with the payment of a new industrial vacuum cleaner for the church. The price is being determined and will be further considered as more information is forthcoming.

The parking lot situation was discussed and members were informed where they can and cannot park.

Many women are working hard to complete the miniature Christmas trees to be bid on at the Craft Fair. The trees will be on display in Valenti's store window on North Street once again this year starting in early October. You will find them beautiful and delightful.

All members present signed a get-well card for Ellie Dietrich and her husband, who are improving day by day. Also doing well is Judie Grady in Florida. Judie loves to hear from the May Mattoon members.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1st for a sandwich lunch. Hostesses are Nancy deForest, Audra Kinner and Bing Honig.

Go out and enjoy the beauty of the region and its fall colors. It will come to an end all too soon.

Alice Gallup



CROP HUNGER WALK

On Sunday Oct. 6 South Church and friends will be participating in the annual Crop Hunger Walk! I am putting together a South Church team. In partnership with First Church and other downtown churches and in conjunction with Church World Service, we will be walking to raise funds to battle hunger worldwide! Last year our local churches raised \$ 3,600 towards the cause. I am very excited to be a part of such a worthy event!

The walk will start at First Church in Pittsfield; head to BMC; up first Street; loop around East to West Housatonic Street; and back to First Church. All walkers will need to gather sponsors for the walk. Even a small donation will be very helpful. Anyone interested in joining the South Church team can contact me 413-447-8889 anytime. Look forward to a successful walk. Light snack of beverages and corn bread will be offered at First Church following the walk!

Blessings, Ann Roche, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry at South Church

Hike at Kennedy Park On October 20th

Stretch your legs; breathe some fresh air; enjoy the outdoors! Ruth Campbell is organizing a hike through Kennedy Park on October 20, 2013. Several trails are available that are easy on people who are not seasoned hikers. We will all meet at 1:15 at the Arcadian Shop parking lot. If you would like to carpool, we can arrange to meet at the church no later than 1:00. I already have some people who have expressed an interest. Bring water and a snack if you'd like.

RAIN CANCELS.

Contact Ruth Campbell at 442-8463 if interested.

Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity

Workday, Saturday, November 2, 8am-2pm

For info, contact Will Garrison,

garrisonfamily77@gmail.com or 443-0164

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One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED--MISSION MOMENT

On October 6th, we will be looking for an offering which supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. This offering funds a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. It also supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Won't you give generously?

Jean Robertson, for the Mission Board

CAPITAL FUND FEASIBILITY WEEKEND

Thanks to all who have participated in our feasibility study last weekend. With the help of Jennifer Davis and Rev. Jay Terbush, consultants from the United Church of Christ, interviews have been conducted with over thirty individuals and families to discuss their understanding of the purpose of the campaign, ability to support it, and willingness to help provide leadership. These interviews will give our Capital Fund Team and Trustees insight into how to proceed. On Sunday, October 13, following worship, Jen and Jay will give a report to a special meeting of the Church Council. At that meeting, recommendations will be made to share at a congregational meeting to be called for Sunday, October 27th, following worship. If you would like to know more about all of this, speak to John Robertson, chair of the Team, Mary Rentz, Moderator, or Rev. Joel.

Thank you, John Robertson, Chair

LORD & TAILOR NEWS

Fall has arrived with all the color that God and nature provide. Our shop is glowing as well with great fall-color clothes that are not only pretty to look at, but comfortably warm also.

We are very happy to report the success of the church tag sale, held on Sept 14. The shop was open at the same time as the sale, and between the sale and the shop, the total was \$1150. So this month we are pleased to be able to give the church \$1400. This brings the total for 2013 so far to \$5000.

We had many great people who helped; it was truly a group effort. Many thanks to all of you.

Enjoy the scenery!

Nancy deForest and Audra Kinner



THE MAN OF THE CENTURY – Einstein on the Train

Albert Einstein had just been voted "The Man of the Century" by *Time* magazine. Shortly thereafter, the great physicist was traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'

Submitted by Roy Jones

WHAT IS NORMAL MEMORY LOSS AND WHAT IS NOT??

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other intellectual abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 50 to 80 percent of dementia cases.

- Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging, although the greatest known risk factor is increasing age, and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older. But Alzheimer's is not just a disease of old age. Up to 5 percent of people with the disease have early onset Alzheimer's (also known as younger-onset), which often appears when someone is in their 40s or 50s.

- Alzheimer's worsens over time. Alzheimer's is a progressive disease, where dementia symptoms gradually worsen over a number of years. In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but with late-stage Alzheimer's, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment. **Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.** Those with Alzheimer's live an average of eight years after their symptoms become noticeable to others, but survival can range from four to 20 years, depending on age and other health conditions.

- Alzheimer's has no current cure, but treatments for symptoms are available and research continues. Although current Alzheimer's treatments cannot stop Alzheimer's from progressing, they can temporarily slow the worsening of dementia symptoms and improve quality of life for those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Today, there is a worldwide effort under way to find better ways to treat the disease, delay its onset, and prevent it from developing.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, you are not alone. The Alzheimer's Association is the trusted resource for reliable information, education, referral and support to millions of people affected by the disease.

Just like the rest of our bodies, our brains change as we age. Most of us eventually notice some slowed thinking and occasional problems with remembering certain things. However, serious memory loss, confusion and other major changes in the way our minds work may be a sign that brain cells are failing.

People with memory loss or other possible signs of Alzheimer's may find it hard to recognize they have a problem. Signs of dementia may be more obvious to family members or friends. Anyone experiencing dementia-like symptoms should see a doctor as soon as possible. Early diagnosis and intervention methods are improving dramatically, and treatment options and sources of support can improve quality of life.

Importance of Early Diagnosis

Many people have trouble with memory — this does NOT mean they have Alzheimer's. The brain has 100 billion nerve cells (neurons). Each nerve cell connects with many others to form communication networks. Groups of nerve cells have special jobs. Some are involved in thinking, learning and remembering. Others help us see, hear and smell.

To do their work, brain cells operate like tiny factories. They receive supplies, generate energy, construct equipment and get rid of waste. Cells also process and store information and communicate with other cells. Keeping everything running requires coordination as well as large amounts of fuel and oxygen.

Scientists believe Alzheimer's disease prevents parts of a cell's factory from running.

Become aware of the differences in changes in brain function

| Signs of Alzheimer's | Typical Age Related changes |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Poor judgment and decision making | Making a bad decision once in awhile |
| Losing track of the date or the season | Poor judgment in decision making |
| Difficulty having a conversation | |
| Misplacing things and being unable to retrace steps to find them | Losing things from time to time |

Learn More: **Come to a program about the Aging Brain**

Wednesday: October 23, 2013, 1 Pm and 7 PM – St. Charles Parish, 89 Briggs Ave., Pittsfield
Presenters: Jay Ellis DO, Neurology, Bobbie Orsi, MS, RN

Sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministries of Berkshire County and Home Instead Senior Care.

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| | | 1 May Mattoon Birthday Lunch 12 noon Men's Fall Forum Reconvenes 12 noon | 2 Food Pantry 8 – 11 am UCC Clergy Meeting 12 noon Berkshire Organizing 2 pm St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm | 3 Food Pantry 8:30-11:30 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Spiritual Support Group 6:30 pm NO Chancel Choir | 4 Lord & Tailor 10 am – 4 pm AA 6:15 pm | 5 AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12-4 pm |
| 6 Sunday Worship World Wide Communion 10 am Neighbors In Need Offering Women's Book Club 11:30 am CROP Walk 1 pm | 7 Yarn Spinners 7 pm | 8 Men's Forum 12 noon Diaconate 7 pm | 9 Food Pantry 8 – 11 am St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Trustees 6 pm | 10 Food Pantry 8:30-11:30 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Spiritual Support Group 6:30 pm | 11 Lord & Tailor 10 am- 4 pm AA 6:15 pm | 12 AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12 noon-4 pm |
| 13 Sunday Worship 10 am Church Council 11:30 a.m. | 14 COLUMBUS DAY Yarn Spinners 7 pm | 15 Men's Forum 12 noon Mission Board 7:15 pm | 16 Food Pantry 8 – 11 am Berkshire Place Worship 10:45 am St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm | 17 Food Pantry 8:30-11:30 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Spiritual Support Group 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm | 18 Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 p.m. AA 6:15 pm | 19 AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12 noon-4 pm |
| 20 Sunday Worship 10 am Fall Hike 1:15 p.m. | 21 Food Bank Turkey Sign-Ups 9-11 am Yarn Spinners 7 pm | 22 Food Bank Turkey Sign-Ups 9-11 am Men's Forum 12 noon Church Council 7 pm | 23 Food Pantry 8-11 am Food Bank Turkey Sign-Ups 1-3 pm Church & Ministry 4 pm St. Joe's Dinner 5:00 pm | 24 Food Pantry 8:30-11:30 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Turkey Sign-Ups 3-5 pm Spiritual Support Group 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7pm | 25 Food Bank Turkey Sign-Ups 9-11 am Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm AA 6:15 pm | 26 AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12 noon-4 pm Pittsfield Squares 7pm |
| 27 Sunday Worship 10 am Congregational Meeting after Worship Alternative Worship 7 pm <i>Epistle Deadline</i> | 328 Yarn Spinners 7 pm | 29 Men's Forum 12 noon | 30 Food Pantry 8 – 11 am St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm | 31 Food Pantry 8:30-11:30 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Spiritual Support Group 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7pm | NOV 1 Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm AA 6:15 pm | NOV 2 AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12 noon-4 pm |