



# *Epistle*

## **SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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September 2016

This past Sunday I had the joy of leading worship at the Pittsfield State Forest for a service we shared with Second Congregational. Together we filled the ski lodge with members and friends of our two UCC congregations. I was the preacher. Gracie Walton, the Choir Director at Second, brought lively hymns and spirituals. Two teens from Second provided elegant instrumental pieces on violin for our Prelude. We had planned to have a keyboard, but that didn't materialize, so Gracie led us in acapella singing that was rich and full of the Spirit. Ann Roche and Jim Day, our Peirson Intern, led 15 young people in a nature walk and art project. Following worship we came together for a picnic and extended conversation under a blue sky filled with the fragrance of the forest. It all made me grateful to be part of this energetic tradition we call the United Church of Christ.

Second Church was founded in 1846 as an African-American congregation seeking to free itself from the rampant racism of the day. South was founded in 1850 to expand the mission of the church and was outspoken in its opposition to slavery. Our second pastor, Charles Boynton, was a fervent Abolitionist and after the Civil War was a co-founder of Howard University, founded to enable freed slaves to pursue a college education. In the 1960s, both of our congregations became part of the United Church of Christ. From its founding the UCC has taken bold, progressive stands against racism and seeks to welcome all those who suffer discrimination and scapegoating—especially in times of fear and uncertainty. Our country is currently in another of those seasons when hurtful voices are being heard very loudly. I am grateful to be part of a long, energetic tradition that seeks to listen for a deeper, wiser voice—the voice of God's welcoming love in Christ.

At the Annual Meeting of our Massachusetts Conference of the UCC this past June I was inspired to hear Rev. Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity United Church in Chicago, an African-American UCC church with eight thousand members. He was hopeful, honest, and guided by that deep voice of love persistently calling us to live into our identity as the Beloved of God. I was also impressed by all the congregations across the Conference that were seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with the God of love in this time of too much hate.

By coming together with sister congregations, sharing in the ministries of the Conference, and being inspired by the work of the wider UCC, we find the strength we need to be faithful witnesses to God's love in Christ in this time. In this *Epistle* you will find an article by John Robertson, in his role as Trustee, asking for donations to help with the costs of membership in our Mass. Conference of the UCC. It boils down to about \$20 per member. The Conference provides us with clergy support, stewardship resources, educational ideas, institutional support, mission possibilities, and much more. But beyond all that, participating in the UCC enables us to be part of what the Scriptures call the "River of Life"—the energy of holy love flowing from the heart of God into us so we can be faithful in this complex world. That love is amplified and strengthened when we come together as people of faith in this progressive tradition known as the United Church of Christ. Your gift of \$20 helps offset our struggling budget and keeps our bonds of faith with the wider church flowing. Thanks for your support.

## EPISTLE

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**The next Epistle deadline is Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.**

## Our Church Family

### Recent Wedding Anniversaries

*Janet & Jack Rusk – 70 years!*                      June 22  
*Priscilla & John Anthony – 65 years!*            June 23  
*Mary & Peter Rentz – 50 years!*  
*Tora & Joel Huntington – 40 years!*

### Deceased:

*Kevin Toomey*    July 26  
 (Food Pantry Volunteer & Friend of South Church)

## Book Club

### Selections for Sept. to Nov. 2016

We hope you will pick up a book and come join us. We meet in the old library 15 minutes or so after church.

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf  
 Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - Lunch with Buddha by Roland Merullo  
 Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - Between the World and Me by Ta Nehisi Coates

## Red Carpet Gallery-Art Display

On display in the red carpet area are works of art by Phil Smith, a long-term member and lay leader of South Church until his passing a number of years ago. Thank you to Sandie Smith, for sharing this beautiful artwork done by her father.

If anyone else has artwork that you would like to put on display in the red carpet area in the coming months, contact Bob Hill.

## May Mattoon

Welcome Fall! We hope you enjoyed the beautiful weather here in the Berkshires this summer.



We especially want to thank everyone for prayers and concerns for three of our members who have been and still are recuperating from health issues during the summer months (Ruth Austin, Ruth Campbell and Jean Bousquet). We hope to see them in the fall.

We will next meet on Monday evening, September 12 at 5 pm for dinner out, at a place to be determined.

*Joyce Brown*

P.S. See page 4 for details on the Sept. 12 dinner

## LORD & TAILOR NEWS

The summer is flying by, and it will be Labor Day soon. The shop has done pretty well this summer, even with many people being away. We've had some out of town visitors, many of our regular customers, and many of our church family stop in. We've also had some great sales; these will be continuing for a short time.

Now we are all concentrating on our upcoming Fair on October 8. The shop will be open for the duration of the Fair. We will need some people to work in the shop, as well as a person sitting in the hallway, to direct people.

We have a few fall clothes out now. It does not seem possible, but we'll all be looking for something warm soon. Stop by and see what's new. Summer clothes are buy one, get one free for a short time yet, purses and jewelry are half price.

This month we'll be giving \$400 to the church.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

*Nancy deForest & Audra Kinner*

## Save the Date!

**Come celebrate 166 years since  
 South was founded!  
 November 13, 2016  
 A special service and pot luck after.**

## Lectionary for September 2016

### Sunday September 4 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

### Sunday, September 11 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

### Sunday, September 18 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### Sunday, September 25 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3<sup>a</sup>, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

## Food Pantry

The volunteers at the Food Pantry have been working very hard. This week there were 538 families which means about 1600 – 1700 people who were helped with food.

Russ Moody has given the Food Pantry many thousands of pounds of yellow squash, beans, and tomatoes from the Church of Christ “Giving Garden” on Valentine Rd. The volunteers there pick and then deliver the vegetables to our pantry.

Our clients always need clothes especially around the changing seasons and the beginning of a new school year. Sharon Mercier and Annie Pennesco have contributed many items.

Sandi Smith with the fabulous book collection and Jim Day with his arts and crafts have made it fun for the children to come. (We continue to need books and clothing.)

Don Fyfe and Dick Noble have organized a painting crew to paint the rooms used by the Food Pantry. The rooms look terrific! Many thank yous to them and the other painters from First Church and South Church.

Thank you to everyone for their support and donations. During the month of September will be collecting toilet tissue.

*Mary Wheat*

## South Church Annual Harvest Craft Fair



**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 3 pm**

- ♥ **BAKE SALE** ♥ **LOCAL CRAFTERS & VENDORS** ♥ **WHITE ELEPHANT** ♥
- ♥ **SOUTH CHURCH CRAFTS** ♥ **LUNCHEON (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)** ♥
- ♥ **CHINESE AUCTION** (*featuring Themed Gift Baskets*) ♥
- ♥ **RAFFLE** (*featuring Original Art Work by Bob Hill, Handmade Quilt by the Ladies Benevolent Society, and a money tree*) ♥



## Update on Search for new Director of Music.

The search for a new Director of Music at South Church continues, as our job posting circulates through the greater Berkshires music community. A copy of the announcement is available on the church website and on the bulletin board outside the church office.

This summer, we were treated to the talents of four guest musicians--Paul Celebi, Charlie Fitzhugh, Ron Hanft, and Tracy Wilson--during our worship services. As we move into the fall, we'll continue to enjoy guest musicians at the keyboard, and, on September 11, the choir will return to provide musical leadership.

A reminder that our committee is composed of Ralph Cianflone, Cindy Dickinson, Scott Haskell, Lyndsay Isham-Morton, Letitia Tibbetts, and Donna Turner, with Joel Huntington and Kerry Sullivan serving *ex officio*.

## Association Dues

One of the line items of our Church's budget under Operating Expenses is Association Dues. This expense of \$4,000 is the annual dues we pay to both the UCC Massachusetts Conference (approximately \$19.00 per church member), and the Berkshire Association of Churches (approximately \$1.25 per member).

Through our support of these organizations, we receive back from them; guidance and support of our church's programming, staffing, legal issue services, stewardship, and more.

At our annual meeting this past January, to help close our budget shortfall, the congregation voted to ask all members to pay their individual association dues in addition to their annual stewardship pledge. The dues are \$20.25 per member.

Please send in, or put in the collection plate, a check for your family contribution with a note designating "Association Dues".

Thank you,  
John Robertson  
Trustee Chair

## Books, Books, & More Books!

Thanks to library book sales and unknown "elves" who leave boxes and bags of books, we have quite a good selection of kids' books to give out at the Pantry. What has helped as well are cash donations which Jean and I can use to purchase board books. These are so popular and so perfect for encouraging parents to read with their very young children. We are part of the Berkshire United Way's Pittsfield's Promise movement to raise the reading abilities of children by the 3rd Grade.



We do give out books for adults but have made this less of a priority. We will gladly accept adult fiction books that are fairly recent.

Some discussion is beginning to help fund our books program. We will gratefully continue to accept book donations. From now on we will also accept cash donations given to Paula in the church office. Thank you all.

*Sandie Smith*

## MAY MATTOON DINNER OUT

September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.



Ladies, please join us for the May Mattoon Dinner at the Koto Hibachi Steak on Dalton Avenue.

Because of Labor Day, we are having our traditional dinner out a week later than usual. This is a chance to have an entertaining and delicious evening with your church friends. Guests are always welcome.

**Date: Monday, September 12 at 5 p.m.**

**Location: Koto Hibachi Steak House,  
795 Dalton Ave, Pittsfield**

Menu: Hibachi - Main dish selections come with salad or soup, fried rice or noodles

Price range: Vegetarian \$15 to around \$20 for other (chicken, beef, etc)

Individual bills

Hibachi: Round tables - Chef will prepare the main courses at the tables.

Hostesses: Marge Demary and Mary Rentz

RSVP by to Mary L. Rentz by September 9:

email - [marylrentz@gmail.com](mailto:marylrentz@gmail.com)

phone (leave a message) - 413-442-6732

## News from Our Church School



It was a nice summer here at South Church. The summer program “Growing Faith” was well attended as we explored the theme through lessons and art. I would like to give a big “thank you” to Jim Day our summer Peirson Intern. For those of you who may not know, Jim is pursuing his Master’s Degree in Liturgical Arts. It was a great experience watching him use his immense knowledge in all areas of art to bring out creativity, spiritual learning and fellowship in the children. Jim has a gentle spirit and creative mind. Projects included constructing rock gardens, a labyrinth made out of sidewalk chalk, making clay prayer stones, prayer crowns and getting up to our elbows in finger paint! Again thank you Jim, hoping the best for you on your journey. We are glad it touched our lives.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the 2016-2017 Church School Year begins. Registration is from 9:30 – 10 a.m. and/or 11 – 11:30 a.m. Most families received registration forms in the mail. Additional forms will be available.

Unit 1 runs from Sept 4 – Oct 9. It is titled “Remembering Tomorrow”. The purpose of this unit is to learn and celebrate that God helps us start over and over again. After having reviewed the lessons, I am very excited about teaching this unit. Its many theme titles to name a few include “Future Matters”, “Remembering Places”, “Living in the Now”, and “Building Trust” explore what it means to make faithful choices, to celebrate and live God’s generosity and to learn we can be honest with God, are all great topics for young people to explore. It enhances their faith and builds quality life skills.

As the Church School grows, it offers the opportunity for others to grow with us. This year the program is in need of one to two individuals to co-teach. One could help with the 8 – 11 year olds and the other could work with the 5 – 7 year old group. Also volunteers are needed on a weekly basis for the nursery ages 0 -4. So, come join us! You will be amazed at how rewarding it is to spend time with young people as they begin their faith journey. I am available any time to discuss the opportunity. Just call me or stop by the church school.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Ann Roche



## Our Miss Hall's Turkish Pantry Helper

I have stayed in touch with Helin Karakus through text messages. After the Turkish military's attempted coup and the subsequent crackdown, I stopped getting replies until this past week. I'd like to share what Helin wrote. I found it deeply moving. – Sandie Smith

*Hi Sandie,*

*I am so glad that all the letters are up! You are such a precious person for me. I miss you a lot and remember you whenever I open a cover of a book. My grandmother is about to leave for Mecca soon. There is a rule in Islam that says every Muslim person should go on a pilgrimage to Mecca. Muslim people go there and pray. It lasts a month. When I see a bombing in the news, I don't feel anything. Do you know why? Because I am used to it. Think about how sad this is. I am only 16 and bombings are something usual for me. My brother has the words; "bomb", "explosion", "terrorist", and "war" in his vocabulary. Isn't it sad? He is only 4. He shouldn't even know what fight means. I wish I could see you one more time to tell you everything I have been seeing since I came back home. I think of you and the church whenever I feel lost. Thinking of you lightens my way. I miss everyone I met there. It feels weird that I might not see any of you again. Sometimes I don't know what to do. I am scared of not changing anything in this world, not achieving my goals. I don't want to be like other teen girls. I want to know way more than how Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber's relationship is going. I want to know why the world is so unfair that people are in pain. We need people like you, Joel, Jean, Mary, Mariah, Steve, other Steve, Barbara, and everyone who sacrifices their time to help other people all around the world. I know that media only shows you the attacks in Turkey. Yes, there are so many problems about the government but actually Turkey is safe. There are some places that are not safe but they are not even that close to big cities. However, sometimes terrorists attacks affect us. My dad knew the relatives of the bride in that wedding. Thankfully we don't live close to Gaziantep (where bombing happened) that we didn't go to the wedding. I ask this question to myself often "What if we were there?"*

*I miss you and the church a lot. I wish I could come every Sunday. How is Nancy and her health? I hope everything is good there.*

*Sincerely, Helin*

## Reflections on the Summer from Jim Day, Our Peirson Intern

Do you need a ride home? Have you had anything to eat today? Would you like me to pray with you about your daughter's struggle with heroine? These are not the questions I expected to be asking as I gathered art supplies in anticipation of this summer's internship. Yet these are the real insecurities faced by the population that frequent the pantry, St. Joe's Table, and Cathedral. I must admit that I entered this summer with a bit of fear and trembling. What could I offer these folks that would be meaningful and help with those very real problems? I have no training in social services or psychology, I have very little experience working with the mentally and developmentally challenged, and my knowledge of useful resources is fairly limited.

As I arrived on my first Wednesday I thought I would spend the morning observing, just to get a sense of how the pantry worked. That lasted for only a few minutes. I quickly gathered some drawing supplies, set up a table, and began what would become a ministry of presence. For a few days people didn't know what to make of that strange guy sitting in the middle of everything and drawing, but fairly quickly people started stopping by and chatting. Children in particular were willing to give it a try, and even a few adults joined in. Many times people would just sit and chat, sharing their troubles, and seeking pastoral guidance. If I have learned nothing else this summer. I have learned just how effective the arts can be in offering a pastoral ministry.

Probably the most important part of my presence here this summer has been my constant presence with the folks at the pantry, table, and Cathedral. People who would not even look at me at the beginning of the summer, are now comfortable asking questions, and joking around with me. They have watched me working with their friends, keeping the kids engaged while offering a safe and compassionate space where they know they can open up without fear of being asked for something in return.

As the summer draws to an end I want to thank you for expanding my way of thinking about art. The tradition I grew up in saw art as a teaching tool and nothing more. In the Episcopal church I have come to know art as a doorway to the sacred through meditation and creation. You have offered me an opportunity to deepen my understanding and experience of art and see it as a way for God to enter our daily lives and offer healing to one another.



## Dinner & Concert to Benefit the “Thanksgiving Angels”

*A group of 18 faith based communities that band together to provide food so that 1,400 families in the central Berkshire region can prepare Thanksgiving dinners for themselves.*



featuring

**Tommy T & Black Velvet**

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Barrett Hall, South Congregational Church**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner - \$15 per person for Dinner & Concert**  
*Barbecued Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cornbread & Dessert*

**7:00 p.m. Concert – Good Will Donations accepted at the door for those who plan to only attend the Concert**

*In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are asking you to be as generous as you can to benefit this worthy mission as ALL proceeds will be used to support the Thanksgiving Angels.*

## Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Summit 2016

*Dear Ms. Kresge:*

*On September 6-8, more than 180 of Southeast Asia's most promising youth leaders will meet in Luang Prabang, Laos at the 2016 Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Summit to learn and share experiences with their counterparts from all ten ASEAN member countries. Launched in 2013, the YSEALI Initiative is the U.S. government's signature program to strengthen youth leadership and networking in Southeast Asia. YSEALI hosts an annual Summit to support the professional development of its network members, providing them technical skills and theoretical knowledge on issues and challenges facing their region.*

*The theme of this year's Summit is sustainable development and overcoming the rural development gap in Southeast Asia. Through your work with the Language Project, you have made great contributions to educational development in rural Laos and we believe you have valuable experiences to share with this year's YSEALI Summit delegates. As such, we would like to invite you to be a featured speaker at the Summit.*

*We would like you to present your topic of "Knowledge is Power: The Transformational Power of Education". Your one-hour session, which may include a joint presenter from another country in the region, would include remarks about your work and an interactive activity to help engage the Summit delegates in practical skills building related to rural education. If you are interested and available to present, we can work with you to tailor the session curriculum.*

*We do hope that you can join us at the Summit as we are eager to learn from your extensive experience!*

*Many thanks,  
The YSEALI Summit Team*

Note: As most of you know Carol Kresge has devoted her life to bringing literacy education to rural Laos through her "Language Project". On the third Sunday of each month our coffee hour collection goes to support Carol's remarkable efforts. She is beginning to receive notice for what she's accomplishing. Her dad, Jim Kresge, told me the US embassy in Burma, not long ago, invited her to a conference in Burma so they might learn from her example. The above letter reports on the regional conference that will take place in Laos in early September which will include a session led by Carol. In addition President Obama will be attending the US-ASEAN Summit in Laos at the same time. This will be the first time a US President has visited Laos. His itinerary includes holding a town hall meeting at the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Summit as well. I wonder if he and Carol will get to meet? In any case it is a source of joy that Carol Kresge is being recognized and affirmed for her work that has been carried out so quietly and faithfully these many years. So many young lives have been empowered and transformed.



**Bill Lauf**

## **BREAD & ROSES COFFEE HOUSE**

**Friday September 16, 2016, 7 p.m.**

Bill was blessed to be surrounded musically by his father, Bill Sr. and his three uncles who played tenor guitars, banjos, mandolins and fiddles. For him four was, well, the perfect number of strings. His father taught him some basic chords on his old Gibson acoustic tenor guitar and he learned the rest by ear. He grew up with both sacred and pop music, jointly singing in the church choir and covering Everly Brothers' tunes at age 12.

Some of his early musical influences were Laura Nyro, Harry Nilsson, Randy Newman, Stevie Wonder, James Taylor and Neil Young. In coffeehouses in the Northeast and eastern Canada, he overcame his fear of singing and playing solo and began to write his own songs. During several of these trips, he met a handful of writers who had a profound effect on him, notably Bruce Cockburn and Paul Lauzon of Canada, Susan Osborn and David Darling (both formerly with the Paul Winter Consort), folk legend Dave Mallett of Maine, Vermont native Lui Collins, and especially, Horace Williams who lived and ran a recording studio in South Starksboro, Vermont.

To learn more about Bill visit [billlauf.com](http://billlauf.com)

**Admission by  
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### **The Elizabeth Freeman Center**

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The Elizabeth Freeman Center offers free and confidential counseling, shelter, legal advocacy, safety planning, teen dating violence prevention education, a 24/7 hotline, and much more. Each year they reach over 5,000 people from almost every city, town and hamlet in Berkshire County and know they are only scratching the surface.

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**Coffee, tea and variety  
of desserts for sale**

### **BREAD & ROSES COFFEE HOUSE**

South Congregational  
Church parlor  
110 South St, Pittsfield

[Southchurchpittsfield.org](http://Southchurchpittsfield.org)

Friday,  
September 16, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

# September 2016

## South Congregational Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Food Pantry 7:30-11 am Crafts-Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am UCC Clergy 12 noon	<b>2</b> Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm Bridge 12 – 4 pm AA 6:15 pm	<b>3</b> AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12-4 pm Al-Anon 7 pm
<b>4</b> Worship 10 am with Communion Bridge 3 - 7 pm	<b>5</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Bridge 6 -10 pm Yarn Spinners 7 pm NA-There is Hope Group 7 pm	<b>6</b> Men's Forum 12 noon	<b>7</b> Food Pantry 7:30 – 11 am Bridge 12 – 4 pm St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Food Pantry 5:30 - pm	<b>8</b> Food Pantry 7:30-11 am Quilting-Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am	<b>9</b> Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm Bridge 12 – 4 pm AA 6:15 pm	<b>10</b> AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12-4 pm Al-Anon 7 pm
<b>11</b> Worship 10 am <b>Church School            begins</b> Book Club Chancel Choir Resumes Bridge 3 - 7 pm	<b>12</b> Bridge 6 -10 pm May Mattoon Dinner Out 5 pm NA-There is Hope Group 7 pm	<b>13</b> Men's Forum 12 noon Diaconate 7 pm Square Dancing 7 pm	<b>14</b> Food Pantry 7:30 – 11 am Music Together Demo Bridge 12 – 4 pm Healthy Pittsfield 2 pm St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Food Pantry 5:30 - pm Trustees 6 pm	<b>15</b> Food Pantry 7:30-11 am Music Together Demo Quilting-Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Thanksgiving Angels 1 pm	<b>16</b> Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm Bridge 12 – 4 pm <b>Coffee            House            Concert            7 pm</b> AA 6:15 pm	<b>17</b> Music Together Demo AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12 noon – 4 pm Pittsfield Squares 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm
<b>18</b> Worship 10 am Coffee Hour Collections for the Language Project Bridge 3 - 7 pm	<b>19</b> Bridge 6 -10 pm Yarn Spinners 7 pm NA-There is Hope Group 7 pm	<b>20</b> Men's Forum 12 noon Mission Board 7 pm Square Dancing 7 pm	<b>21</b> Food Pantry 7:30 – 11 am Berkshire Place 10:45 am Bridge 12 – 4 pm St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Food Pantry 5:30 - pm	<b>22</b> Food Pantry 7:30-11 am Quilting-Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am	<b>23</b> Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm Bridge 12 – 4 pm AA 6:15 pm	<b>24</b> AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12-4 pm Al-Anon 7 pm
<b>25</b> Worship 10 am <b>Sunday School            Opening            Celebration</b> Luncheon & Bridge 12 noon – 4 pm	<b>26</b> Bridge 6 -10 pm Yarn Spinners 7 pm NA-There is Hope Group 7 pm	<b>27</b> Men's Forum 12 noon Church Council 7 pm Square Dancing 7 pm	<b>28</b> Food Pantry 7:30 – 11 am Bridge 12 – 4 pm St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Food Pantry 5:30 - pm	<b>29</b> Food Pantry 7:30-11 am Quilting-Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am	<b>30</b> Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm Bridge 12 – 4 pm AA 6:15 pm	

**October  
 Epistle  
 Deadline  
 11 am**