



WEEKLY GOOD NEWS EMAIL
First Congregational Church of Hanover, Massachusetts
An Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ

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NOVEMBER 7, 2021
COMMUNION SUNDAY
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mark 12:38-44
REFLECTION FOR ALL AGES: *Going for Broke*

Covid and the Delta variant are very much with us. Masks are expected for services in the church building until further notice. Masks will be available when you enter the sanctuary. For the same reason, indoor Coffee Hour is suspended until further notice.



Link to the church YouTube home page for the most recent Sunday service
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOZdozbwMp1qbJeHbwAaA>



REMINDER THAT THE CHURCH FAIR IS THIS WEEK!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 9:30 – 2

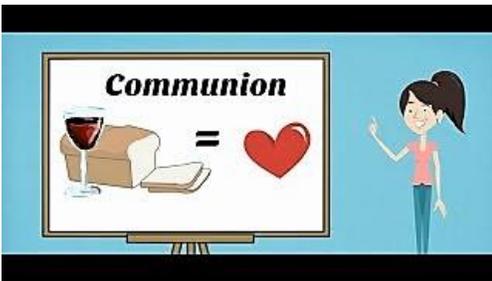
-Masks will be expected for the indoor Church Fair -

Tables will include knitted and crocheted items, holiday decorations, jellies and preserves, plants, and handcrafted wooden items, as well as homemade baked goods. The Fair is a great way to shop for the holidays and enjoy each other's fellowship. Hope to see you there! Thanks to all who help set up and take down!!

REMINDER TO TURN BACK THE CLOCKS!

Turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday evening, November 6, so that you will be on time for church on Sunday!





NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 07.....BUT...

Rev. Ann will be offering a **Special Children’s Message** during the worship service that morning on the Sacrament of Holy Communion to orient our children to the Lord’s Supper. All are encouraged to attend this “intergenerational service” where children will receive

ongoing “tutorials” throughout. Formal Sunday School classes will resume the following week on November 14.

YOUR SUPPORT OF THE WIDER COMMUNITY IS NEEDED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The Hanover VNA would like us to collect gift cards for **BOTH Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

You may place the cards for Thanksgiving in the collection plate on Sunday or drop them off at the church office. **Cards for**

Thanksgiving will be delivered to the VNA on Wednesday, November 10.

The VNA would also like gift cards at Christmas, rather than wrapped gifts. **Cards for Christmas will be delivered to the VNA on Wednesday, December 8.**



BRINGING HOPE
when it's needed most

GIVE HOPE TO THE HOMELESS

Outreach is looking for volunteers to provide the **monthly meal for Father Bill’s and Mainspring.** There is a sign up sheet in the coat room and you may contact Karen Tripp (trippklt@aol.com) for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS BRING BEAUTY TO THE SERVICE

You are invited to sign up to donate flowers for \$25 in honor or in memory of a loved one. The order forms and sign-up sheet are in the coat room off the narthex. You may place the completed form and payment in the offering plate.



Altar Flowers
Ministry Opportunity



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS CHURCH BANNER IS? - MISSING SINCE JUNE 2019

LETTER FROM THE DIACONATE

Members and Friends:

November is here, the Church Fair is this Saturday, and our new pastor, Rev. Peter Johnston will be starting his ministry with us on November 21st. Exciting things are happening!

The coming of Rev. Peter means that we will be saying goodbye to Pastor Ann. All of us who have had the opportunity to worship, work, or just converse with her know how blessed we have been to have had her leading us over the past few months. She has brought



many gifts...great worship services, strong leadership in all things, and a great sense of building community and reaching out to all of us.

So do not miss the opportunity to join us in worship over the next two Sundays. Take the time to experience meaningful worship and express our thanks for all she has done for us. Pastor Ann's last Sunday as our Bridge Interim Pastor will be November 14th. If all that is not enough to bring you to Church, Chad has really been on top of his game and the choir will soon be back!

See you in church!

The Diaconate



CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Please email your celebrations and concerns to the church office and to Rev. Aaberg at revann@fcchanover.org.

Let's Celebrate:

- ◆ The altar flowers today are given by the Flower Fund in appreciation of all who helped and donated at the Church Fair.
- ◆ Ericka Penney would like to thank the congregation for prayers and cards sent during her recent illness.

Let's Pray for:

- Lincoln, brother-in-law of Don and Lynn White
- Mary Lou Hill, home from rehab
- The Christensen family as they mourn the passing of Marianne's mother, Judy Caless, on October 25
- Dolly Johnson's son Steven, now on hospice
- The family of David Duran, friend of the Vaughns, who passed October 20
- The family of Bruce MacDonald, who passed October 5
- Christine, friend of Ken Cheo, recovering from removal of thyroid
- The family of Joan, dear friend of Glenda Larson, who passed on September 30
- Ericka, daughter of Ginny Hunt, on chemo therapy for leukemia
- Tom Evans, cousin of Marilyn Melchin, on chemo therapy
- Eli (and family), friend of Lisa Boucher, on chemo therapy for pancreatic cancer



Please continue praying for those with long-term needs:

- Don White
- Carol M, Amy Kelly's friend, lung transplant issues
- Kerrin, niece of Ginny Hunt, with health issues
- Aaron Lowman, Debby Zawalich's cousin

A NOTE FROM OUR BRIDGE INTERIM PASTOR

Merriam-Webster defines a fair as “a sale of assorted articles usually for a charitable purpose.” We church goers know that a church fair is SO much more than that! A church fair:

- provides outreach to the community by opening our doors and inviting (enticing?) the people beyond our own faith community to “come and see”
- showcases the gifts and talents of the contributors from stitchery to bakery and beyond!
- gives us all a place to donate our “like new” jewelry and other items for the benefit of our church and the delight of their purchasers
- engages many of our members in a common effort from setting up to staffing up to (eating up!) to breaking down when the last have left the hall
- allows us all to celebrate our gradual return to in-person hospitality and fellowship after so many months of isolation
- provides warmth, camaraderie and a certain glow of excitement and satisfaction as the doors open and the people pour in.



But Wait...
**THERE'S
MORE!**

But wait, there's so much more! The church fair engages our children, offers new friendships and it makes memories. As we approach our annual Church Fair this Saturday, November 6, just having celebrated All Saints Day, I am remembering the “saints” I have known – angels now – who for years contributed their wares to the church fair and hold special places in the hearts they touched. For me, it was Maggie's snickerdoodles, Delma's lemon squares, Marge's Chex Mix, and Gladys' tiny knitted grey mice stuffed with catnip. I'm sure all you FCC Hanover fairgoers have angels in your hearts, too.

As we enter those doors at Riley Hall on Saturday, let us give thanks to all who have worked so hard to make our Fair come alive again and to the wider community who supports it ... and let us remember the saints who have gone before us who set the standard and are smiling down on us as we carry on.

With great anticipation and gratitude,
Pastor Ann