

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024



From Woody: As I prepare to give a prayer at the Veteran's Day Service on the Common, I think of a very moving story relating to Veteran's Day. The story relates to Abraham Lincoln. The 16th President often rode out to the Soldier's Home outside of Washington. He and his wife Mary sometimes stayed out there in the summer to escape the heat and mosquitos of Washington. On one of his visits, he went into the hospital ward of wounded soldiers and asked the nurse if there was a particular soldier who might need a visit. She directed him to a badly wounded soldier who needed someone to help him write a letter to his mother. He went to the soldier's bedside and told him he would write a letter to his mother as the soldier told him what to write. The soldier, too weak to look up, dictated the letter, and the President wrote down his words. At the bottom he put the soldier's name and then put "written down by A. Lincoln." He then asked the soldier to read the letter to make sure he had written it correctly. The soldier opened his eyes and read the letter and then realized that his helper was the President of the United States. Lincoln then asked the boy if there was anything else he could do for him. The amazed soldier said, "Could you sit with me a while Mr. President?" The President sat with him for several hours until the young soldier died. Our Veterans deserve our thanks and our care and also deserve our determination to end the violence of war as a way of resolving problems.



Thanksgiving Food Baskets: We still have some open slots for food donations. We will be collecting donations on Friday, November 22 from 7:30-9 am, and Saturday, November 23 from 8:00-9:00 am. The baskets will be distributed on Saturday, November 23. To find what items are needed and sign up to donate at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA4A92DAAFB6-52190612-2024>

Stewardship Sunday: This Sunday (November 17) will be Stewardship Sunday. We encourage you to make your pledge, if you have not already done so.





Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: The Choir will be part of an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Hillside United Methodist Church, on **Sunday evening, Nov. 24 at 7 pm.**

Choirs from several Goffstown churches will be singing.



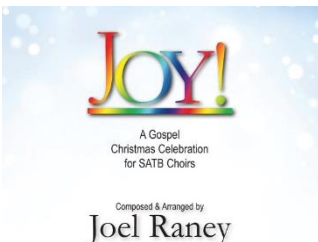
Sunday School is now in session during our worship service (10:00-11:00am).

Your family is invited to join our 'Covenant Kingdom!' Multi-aged classes for school-aged children that actively relate Christian beliefs and values to everyday life through stories, art, cooking, music, and more! If you know a family who might enjoy our Sunday school and worship services, please invite them! All are welcome! **Junior Choir** has been newly formed. Any child is welcome to join. They generally practice after *church on Sunday*. *Contact Sam Gorton for more information.*



Organ Concert and Book Signing: We are honored to welcome back Dawn Sweet who will be playing the organ during our church service on **December 8**. Dawn has written a trilogy of books, *Journey of Faith That Gives Us Hope, It's More Than a Story It's A Relationship, and Love, Work, Communion—In Remembrance of Him* Dawn will be talking about her book, then signing and selling them.

Then, in the afternoon at **3 pm**, Dawn will be offering an hour with the organ. This will be music and thoughts for Advent. The program will consist of Advent hymns, chorales, and other compositions bringing the message of hope, peace, joy and love. This will be a time to simply sit back and ponder the beauty and path to Christmas.



Christmas Cantata: Our choir, along with the Hillside Methodist Church choir, will be presenting a Christmas Cantata on **Sunday, December 15** at 2 pm. Fellowship will follow.



Flowers for Worship: If you would like to provide flowers for a service please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the church office or contact Ellen Anderson (andersel@njms.rutgers.edu., 973-747-2321). Flowers may memorialize a person or an event and always enhance our shared worship experience. If needed, vases are available in the kitchen. Thanks in advance!



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Peace Quote: Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God..... *Jesus*