

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2024



**From Woody:** .I was going to share some humor today as I write this the day before the election. However, I got an email from our friend Robert Azzi, who has spoken at our church on several occasions. It includes a segment from a PBS News Hour this past weekend. It is an interview with a Palestinian poet, Mosab Abu Toha. He left Gaza in December with his wife and three children. He was detained, stripped, beaten and interrogated for hours. Hours before the interview he got word that over a dozen of his family members were killed in an Israeli airstrike. He learned later this weekend that another 22 family members were missing and believed killed in another air strike. His interview is available on YouTube ....Palestinian Poet Mosab Abu Toha processes the war in Gaza through his art. I share with you a poem from his new book, FOREST OF NOISE:

Every child in Gaza is me.  
Every mother and father is me.  
Every house is my heart.  
Every tree is my leg.  
Every plant is my arm.  
Every flower is my eye.  
Every hole in the earth is my wounds.

I wish I could have sent some humor. My apologies but may our prayers be that, however the Election tomorrow turns out, our country will do everything possible to end this awful war.



**Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** We will again be providing food baskets filled with great food to prepare a delicious home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner for those who need a little help. 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>



**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:** It was a treat to have the newly formed junior choir sing for us. They sounded wonderful! Any child is welcome to join. They generally practice after church on Sunday. Contact Sam Gorton for more information.



**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.



**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:** Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime.....Ernest Hemingway, 1946