

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2024



**From Woody:** The Session just approved donating from the Helping Hand fund \$500 to ASPIR, an organization that is in New Boston and run by Noel Sagna, husband of Kary Jencks. They met when Kary was serving in the Peace Corp. ASPIR'S vision is *"To provide resources and support to refugees, resettled refugees, internally displaced persons, and returnees to improve their lives and attain their dreams and advocate for ending homelessness."*

Within the US, ASPIR provides a range of assistance aimed at helping new African refugees resettled in NH, to adjust and acquire the skills to become self-sufficient. The money we gave goes to help lawyer fees to get a 68 year old refugee a green card and work permit. Here is a description of this gentleman that Noel is working to help.

His name is Michel Lumumba. He is 68 years old and came here in 2022. He applied for asylum but was sick on the day he was supposed to be at his interview with the Immigration Office. He speaks limited English. He usually couch-surfs in Manchester where he works day jobs as he can find them. ASPIR got the lawyer to reduce his fee from \$3500 to \$2000. A last piece of information is that he is the son of Patrice Lumumba, former leader of the Congo who was murdered in 1961 when Michel was 6. He was murdered by our CIA along with factions fighting in the Congo. I am glad our church could be of some help toward the needed goal of \$2000.

Our Helping Hand gift will help, but more help is still needed. If people want to help further please see the ASPIR INTERNATIONAL web site: <https://www.aspir-int.org>



**Halloween:** The church will be open to pass out candy to Trick-or-Treaters on Thursday evening 6-8 pm. Anyone wanting to help, please come down.



**Sanctuary Furnace:** The furnace that heats the sanctuary needs to be replaced. If the new furnace is not here and installed by next Sunday, we will again meet in the Dignard Room and unfortunately will not be on the internet. We hope to have this fixed soon!



**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 on **Sunday evening, Nov. 24** with choirs of several Goffstown churches. More details in the weeks ahead.



**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:** When you feed the least of these my brethren you are feeding me.....;Jesus