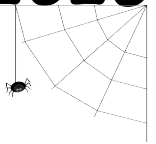
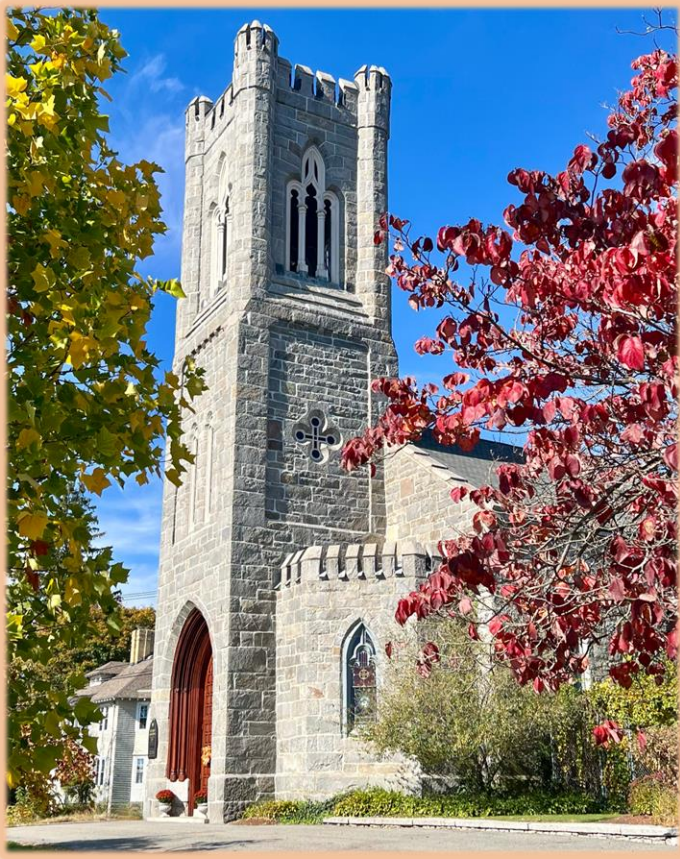


**Ham & Bean Dinner**  
**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
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**OCTOBER 2026**



# THE BEACON



## *First Church Congregational*

*United Church of Christ*

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*Worship on Sundays at 10:00 AM*

*In person & on YouTube Live*



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## *More than Musical Musings*

Mike Boutin

October in New England has a way of reminding us that change can be beautiful. The trees that have been green all summer suddenly blaze with color. Leaves begin to fall. The days grow shorter, the evenings cooler, and even on a brilliant autumn afternoon there is a hint of what is coming. Winter is not far away.

Perhaps that is why autumn can feel both beautiful and bittersweet. It invites us to notice what is changing, to let go of what has been, and to trust that life continues even when the landscape looks different.

First Church is living through its own season of change.

As we continue without an interim pastor, some familiar roles are shifting. In the months ahead, I will be preaching and leading worship three Sundays each month and will be available when pastoral emergencies arise. One Sunday each month, I will return to the organ to lead our music from there. I'll continue directing the choir each week and working with others to plan our worship and music. And on the Sundays when I am preaching, Kathy Romano will bring her gifts to our worship from the organ bench.

Our Deacons, too, will have an especially important role in helping us care for one another—particularly when someone is ill, grieving, struggling, or simply needs to know that their church remembers them.

But perhaps this season offers us an opportunity to remember something even more important: ***the church has never been one person.***

The church is all of us.

It is the person who calls someone they haven't seen in a few weeks. It is the Deacon who visits, the choir member who sings, the volunteer who serves a neighbor, the person who welcomes someone new, the one who brings food, offers a ride, says a prayer, or notices that someone seems to need a friend.

We may understandably find ourselves wondering when the next pastor will come and what the future of First Church will look like. But we need not put our life together on hold while we wait. God is already at work among us, through us, and sometimes in ways we have not yet learned to recognize.

Perhaps that is one of autumn's gifts.

The trees let go of their leaves without knowing what spring will look like. For a time, the branches will be bare. Winter will come. And beneath what we can see, life will continue.

So perhaps our calling in this season is not simply to wait for what comes next, but to be fully present to what God is doing now—to worship together, care for one another, serve our neighbors, make room for new voices, and discover again what it means to be the church.

I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me as my role changes during this season, and I am grateful that none of us enters it alone.

The leaves are changing. The seasons are turning. We do not yet know exactly what lies ahead.

*But we know who we are.  
We are the church.  
And we will walk into this new season together.*

*Mike Boutin*  
Minister of Music





# Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

*We hope you will join us!*

We like to see you in the congregation on Sunday mornings, but for those who cannot attend in person, worship will be broadcast each Sunday, at 10:00 AM, on YouTube Live ([www.youtube.com/@firstchurchcongregationalm1729](http://www.youtube.com/@firstchurchcongregationalm1729)).

An Order of Worship will be emailed out by the Friday before the service. If you do not receive this email, please let the church office know at [firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com).

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## *Weekly Bulletin Prayer List*

We print a Prayer List within each Sunday Worship bulletin. To have someone included on the bulletin prayer list, please let Roberta, in the Church Office, know by emailing her at [firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com). Thank you.



If you, or someone you know, is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact Mike Boutin or 978-687-1240.

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## ***FCC Breakfast with Friends***

Our first **FCC Breakfast with Friends** will be held on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM. Join a group of friends from First Church Congregational at Ellie's Farmhouse, 436 Broadway in Methuen, to enjoy conversation and breakfast.

All are welcome to this fellowship time. No reservation needed.



# Celebrating World Communion Sunday

## October 4<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate **World Communion Sunday**, remembering that the table around which we gather is part of a much larger table stretching across cultures, communities, and around the world.

We invite you to bring a loaf or other bread that represents *your family, culture, heritage, or simply a bread that is meaningful to you*. The breads will be displayed on long tables near the altar as a visible sign of the many different tables and traditions we bring with us to worship.

*The bread you bring will not be used for Communion.* Our Deacons will provide and prepare the bread and grape juice for Communion as usual. Your bread will not be handled by anyone else, and you are welcome to bring it in a plastic bag or other wrapping if you prefer.

At the end of worship, we will *bless the breads together*, and then each loaf will return home with the person who brought it—carrying our celebration of one Table back to the many tables where we live, eat, gather, and love.

***Bring a bread. Bring a story. Together, we'll surround the Communion Table with a glimpse of the beautiful diversity of God's world.***



## World Communion Sunday

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## Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM



*First Church Congregational Methuen*

invites you to our annual

## **HAM AND BEAN DINNER**

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 17, 2026 - 4:30-6:30PM**

### **-Buffet Style Menu-**

**Baked Ham and Slow Simmered Baked Beans, Hot Dogs,  
Homestyle Macaroni & Cheese,  
Tossed Green Salad, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Brown Bread,  
Rolls & Butter**

**Mini Vegan Buffet - Vegan Dogs, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad,  
Potato Salad, Coleslaw**

**Dessert - Ice Cream Sundae**

**Beverages - Coffee, Tea, Lemonade**



Tickets available at the Church Office (978-687-1240)

26 Pleasant St. Methuen, MA 01844

during the week and Sunday mornings, following (10:00 AM)  
worship.

Adults: \$16 (Advance Purchase) or \$19 (At Door)

Children 6-12: \$8 Under 6: Free

Cash or check only.

**PURCHASE  
TICKETS  
HERE**



# From the Chair of the Church Board

Chapel School is back in session, and each day more than 70 little ones fill our building with boundless joy, curiosity, and wonder. On Tuesday evenings, our food pantry brings volunteers and families together in the parish hall, parking lot, and surrounding streets to help meet the growing need for food in our community. Our evenings are filled with committee meetings and outreach initiatives that help bring our mission to life. If you would like to become more involved, please speak with me or any member of church leadership.

Amid all this activity, we recently celebrated our interim minister, Rev. Ann Rogers Brigham, as she led her final service and a Liturgy of Farewell on September 27th. We are deeply grateful to Rev. Ann for her steady and faithful leadership during this season of transition. To provide continuity for our congregation, Mike Boutin, our Minister of Music, has graciously agreed to lead worship through the end of the year, except for a few Sundays. We welcome your prayers as we journey through this season of transition together.

As we look toward the future, fundraising for the restoration of our 1886 James E. Treat pipe organ continues to gain momentum in anticipation of our 300th anniversary. While we did not receive the large grant we were pursuing from the Hampson Albert Sisler Foundation, Mike and I have been pursuing several other promising opportunities, including a grant from the Joseph G. Bradley Charitable Foundation. If you feel moved to help preserve this important part of our church's history, please consider contributing to the Organ Restoration Fund.

Our efforts to strengthen the church's connection with the wider community are also moving ahead. We are seeking a Congregational Assessment, Support and Advancement (CASA) grant to fund a part-time bilingual and bicultural community ministry coordinator. This individual would focus on building meaningful relationships with Methuen's Latino and Spanish-speaking community. I am especially grateful for Mike's tremendous effort in preparing this application on a very short deadline.

Indeed, this has been a busy and productive year of grant writing. We have received a \$10,000 grant from the Festival of Trees to replaster the arches at the back of the sanctuary, as well as a \$5,000 grant from the Castle Fund to support our upcoming Community Thanksgiving service. In addition, five grant applications totaling approximately \$500,000 remain pending. We will continue targeting grant opportunities that help offset the costs of our ministries and support the restoration of our historic church.

That commitment to faithful stewardship is also reflected in the work of our Trustees. This summer, in coordination with Mass Save, they completed a major insulation project in the sanctuary and Phillips Chapel at no cost to the church. This is a significant step forward in our efforts to improve the energy efficiency of our facilities.

There is much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. Please mark your calendars for our Blessing of the Animals service on October 4th at 2:00 p.m., our final church photo day immediately following worship on October 4th, and our annual Ham & Bean Dinner on October 17th. I hope to see you then.

As our programs and ministries continue to flourish, the care of our church family remains at the heart of all we do. Please let a member of our Diaconate or REACH team know if someone you know is ill, grieving, or could benefit from a card, phone call, or text message.

Finally, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any other member of the Church Board with your questions, feedback, or ideas. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you for all that you do in service to God, our church, and our community.

*Steve Boyko*  
Church Board Chair



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## Picture Day

### New Church Directory with Pictures!

It's been a few years since we last had a church directory with pictures of our church family. We are planning another "Picture Day" on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, during coffee hour.

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## Special Worship Opportunities in October

- **October 4<sup>th</sup> – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word and Sacrament**
  - **World Communion Sunday** (A variety of breads will be present to symbolize the continents and cultures that we all come from)
  - Leader: Mike Boutin, Minister of Music
  - **Lessons:** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9. 12-20; Matthew 21:33-46
- **October 11<sup>th</sup> – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
  - Leader: Mike Boutin, Minister of Music
  - **Lessons:** Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- **October 18<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**
  - Leader: Mike Boutin, Minister of Music
  - **Lessons:** Exodus 33:12-23; Matthew 22:15-22
- **October 25<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**
  - Leader: Rev. Mark Allman
  - **Lessons:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

# Christian Education Report

Welcome Back everyone! Sunday School began on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a packed filled morning as we caught up on all everyone had done in the summer. It was wonderful to see new and old faces back together in SS. ***Please make sure you have a completed registration form turned in for Sunday School participation. If you need a form, contact the Church Office.*** We will continue using Spark, a lectionary-based curriculum, which follows the same scripture the congregation will be reading during worship throughout the year, as well as some variety with some special lessons.

We will be having a Ladies Craft Evening which Mrs. B will run. Our craft is planned, but the Date TBA.

A mission outreach to Common Cathedral is being planned for our older youth as well as one for the adults. Dates are being coordinated with youth schedules and the Cathedral's openings at the moment. More information once dates are picked.

We will be Clucking for Chickens this year for Heifer. In addition to Heifer, we will also be doing an outreach fundraiser to help our local MSPCA Farm.

Blessings,

*Mrs. B, Sarah Pavlovkov and the CE Committee*

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## Family Youth Interests October 2025

- **October 4<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday**
  - Communion Review
  - **Bible Story Lesson:** Exodus 20:1-20 – *Ten Commandments*
- **October 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Bible Story Lesson:** Matthew 11:1-14
- **October 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Bible Story Lesson:** Matthew 22:15-22
- **October 25<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Bible Story Lesson:** Matthew 22:34-46
- **November 1<sup>st</sup> – Communion Sunday**
  - **Bible Story Lesson:** Matthew 5:1-12 – *Beatitudes*

# From the Stewardship Ministry Team...

The Stewardship Team is busy planning for our 2026/27 pledge campaign with the theme **Practicing Generosity Together**. As we sat down to discuss how First Church practices generosity, we were amazed at the many different ways that we are able to share our time, talent and treasure with our church and community. An incredible amount of time is spent putting on our two annual dinners, serving at our weekly food pantry, running our many outreach programs from the Thanksgiving Food Drive, Back to School Project and many, many more, as well as caring for and maintaining our facility and our finances. We share our talents by knitting hats and shawls, assisting as the worship service liturgist, singing in the choir, and teaching Sunday School. We all share our treasure through our weekly/monthly offerings, and our donations of goods or money to our many Outreach Programs and fund-raising activities. Our campaign materials are being completed, so keep an eye out for your packet coming in the mail at the end of this month.

Let us all consider how we can be **Generous Together!**

*Kathy Romano*

Stewardship Ministry Team Leader

## Practicing Generosity Together



*Seeking God*



*Caring for Each Other*



*Improving Our Community*

## Your Pledge Makes It All Happen

## ***From the Outreach Ministry Team***

### **Fall “Let’s Book It!” Board Book Drive**

The Book Drive will end on **October 4<sup>th</sup>** so if you haven’t brought in your board books yet, please do so before the 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of you who have donated books or have donated money to purchase books already. Your generosity is much appreciated! The books collected will be delivered to the Methuen Public Schools Early Childhood Center. The ECC provides special education classroom programs and therapies to preschool children identified with special needs. Books are a great way to gain children’s attention and help them develop early language, academic, motor and social skills.

### **Clothing Drive for YMCA My Kids Closet**

This fall we will be holding a clothing drive from **October 11<sup>th</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup>** to help restock the Methuen YMCA’s My Kids Closet. We will be collecting “gently used” clothes for children wearing sizes 2T up through adult small and medium. Please place your clothing donations in the bin next to the clothing drive display in the sanctuary. The My Kids Closet offers these clothes to parents at no charge, but they are encouraged to bring in outgrown clothes as an exchange. Please share this news with family and friends who may have children who have outgrown clothing and are looking to donate them.

### **Lazarus House Walk for Hope Fall Festival**

The 2026 Lazarus House Walk for Hope Fall Festival took place on **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at **Lawrence Veterans Memorial Stadium**. Becky Smith, Team Leader, represented First Church at the walk. She raised \$560 to donate to Lazarus House. Thank you to Becky and everyone who donated to this great cause!

### **Samaritans of Merrimack Valley Walk for Hope**

The 2026 Samaritans Walk for Hope is taking place on **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** at **The Park on Chestnut Street in Andover**. Check-in starts at 9:00 AM and the walk begins at 10:00 AM. Funds raised will be used to provide suicide prevention trainings, support for individuals who have experienced loss, support groups for loss survivors, outreach, education and much more. Speak to Becky Smith if you are interested. You can also learn more and register with the First Church team on their website at fsmv.org.

### **Neighbors in Need Food Pantry**

Our Tuesday evening food pantry has been very busy recently, averaging 400 families who receive a bag of groceries each week. We have not had to turn anyone away without a bag over the last month. We do this by using shelf-stable food stored at the church to supplement what Neighbors in Need delivers each week. We have volunteers working each Tuesday from our church and the wider community, including volunteers from other churches, high schools, Merrimack College and businesses. We would love to have you join us! If you’re interested, speak with Sue Newton or sign up on the Neighbors in Need website. Keep an eye out for information on our Thanksgiving food drive coming up in November.

### **Outreach Ministry Team**

*Cindy Bateson, Team Leader, Lori Bennett, Jo-Ann Crosby, Ken Peck, Marie Rubino, Carole Silva, John Silva, and Becky Smith*



# Walking Group for Fitness and Fellowship

## Tuesday Mornings in October

Come enjoy the fall foliage and a relaxing walk along the Merrimack River with friends. We walk at the Raymond J. Martin Riverside Park at 971 Riverside Drive in Methuen on a safe, flat looped walkway. We will be walking on the following Tuesdays at 10:00 AM: 10/6, 10/13, 10/20 and 10/27. Hope you can join us!



# Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets year-round and always welcomes anyone who wishes to be part of this ministry. Knitting or crocheting experience is not a prerequisite to becoming a member. Come for the fellowship and someone will be glad to help you if needed. Please contact Bobbi Barlow for more information.

If you, or someone you know, would like a prayer shawl, please contact the church office at [firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com) and you will be contacted by someone from the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

We invite you to join us on **Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 PM**,  
in the Parlor of First Church Congregational.

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On Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Rev. Ann blessed some knitted and crocheted items recently completed by the Prayer Shawl Ministry. They then held a get-together where the Prayer Shawl Ministry presented Rev. Ann prayer shawls as good wishes for her next interim calling in California.



# The Chapel School



Happy Fall! We are happy to be back in session! We have a great mix of new friends and returning friends for the 2026-2027 school year.

We are looking forward to enjoying the fall season. The changing of the leaves, the cool days! It truly is the prettiest season. Pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks, apple cider, apple crisp, apple pie, and let us not forget pumpkin spice coffee at Dunkin Donuts! The teachers run on it!!

Our children have settled nicely into the routines of the classrooms, and we are excited to watch them grow as the year moves on. We still have a few openings in our classrooms. If you know of anyone still looking for a quality preschool program, please let us know. We will be happy to give anyone a tour.

The children are busy making the centerpieces for the Annual Ham and Bean Dinner coming up this month. We are excited to see what they will create this year.

Chapel School will participate in Treats for Troops again this year! Save all the leftover Halloween candy and the candy your children do not like, and we will send it overseas to the troops. This is a great cause, and it teaches the children about our troops and how we can serve others. You can drop off extra candy at the Chapel School office!

*Gina Colarusso*  
Director





# The Chapel School

*Where a Lifetime of Learning Begins*

**Register Now for our 2026-27 School Year**



- **For Children 2.9 - 5 Years Old**
  - 2, 3 or 5 Day Preschool Programs
  - Customizable Days to Fit your Needs
- **Half Day Classes (8:30 - 11:30 AM)**
  - Lunch Bunch (until 2:00 PM)
  - Extended Day (7:30 AM - 4:00 PM)

## *Fun Learning Environment!*

- **School Year Program** (September - June)
  - Affordable Rates
  - Non-Denominational
- **Over 60 Years in Methuen!**



**Contact us for more information or to schedule a tour:**

**978-689-8414**

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26 Pleasant Street, Methuen



## It's Great to See So Many Children and Youth at Children's Time and Sunday School!



*Stewardship Talk on 9/20/26*



*Rev. Ann Final Sunday on 9/27/26*

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# Rev. Ann's Farewell Sunday

## September 27, 2026

Dear members and friends of First Church,

Your kindness in providing a delightful farewell lunch after our meaningful worship service on 9/27 with a lovely farewell cake, the gifts from the Church Board and Christian Education, your cards, your many well wishes meant so much to me! I am still "overwhelmed" with your support and affirmation of our ministry together shown in this way. My deepest and most sincere thanks to each of you. I carry your prayers and blessings into my journey to my new place of interim service. We shared a good "interim" time at First Church and now you are moving on to a continuation of ministry shared with one another and, in the future, with a new settled pastor.

My prayers for God's abundant blessings in the days ahead! May you be embraced and loved and cherished with God's good grace as you share life together. AND, may I add in parting as well, a big thank you to the First Church staff team I worked with these two years to make sure the ebb and flow of life at First Church was all we wanted it to be... my warmest gratitude to Mike, Roberta, Gina and Al! My thanks to all of you!

In Christ's love,  
*Rev. Ann Rogers Bringham*



*Reading the Service of Release and Farewell with Josh Ferry, FCC Vice-Chair*



*Gift from the Church Board*



*Gift from the  
Sunday School*

# *Methuen Community Thanksgiving Service* *in Honor of the 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the City of Methuen*

*Date: Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Time: 2:00 PM*

*Place: First Church Congregational, UCC*

26 Pleasant Street, Methuen

*Leaders: Methuen Area Clergy*

*Rev. Nathaniel Burnes, First Baptist Church*

*Fr. Marcos Peña, St. Lucy & St. Monica Parish*

*Rev. Eleanor Prior, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*

*Rev. Gregory Vozzo, St. Theresa's Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish*

*Rev. Peter Gori, OSA, St. Augustine, Andover*

*Music presented by the combined choirs of area churches*

*featuring a special music commission by composer, Katie Lind*

Contact Mike Boutin, FCC Director of Music, to participate at [boutinerjr@gmail.com](mailto:boutinerjr@gmail.com)



Offering will go the Neighbors in Need Food Pantry.

*You may also bring these non-perishable items: Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish, Shelf Stable Milk*

If you have any questions, please call First Church Congregational at 978-687-1240

*Sponsored by the Methuen Clergy Association*

# What's the REACH Ministry?

Do you know of someone facing surgery, recovering from surgery or living with a long-term illness? Do you know someone who has recently lost their job or could use financial support? Do you know someone who suffers from depression or is often down in the dumps around the holidays?



Maybe this person is you?

If so, we can help. Our new **REACH** Ministry wants to make sure that members of our community have a place to turn for support in their time of need. The term **REACH** stands for -- **R**eliable, **E**ngaging, **A**ble, **C**aring and **H**earfelt support.

Contact Judi Boyko or Pat King for more information, or speak to our Pastor.

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***Would you like to make an electronic donation to the church?***

Use your smart phone or tablet by scanning this QR code!



Or visit our website at [www.firstchurchmethuen.com](http://www.firstchurchmethuen.com)  
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*Thank you for your support.*

# Happy Birthday!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Irene Maggio  
04 Lauren Borislow  
05 Brenda Michaud  
07 Joyce Koop  
12 Cynthia Causbie  
13 Daniel Pavlenkov  
20 Kerri Bedard  
23 Dennis Lang  
24 Patricia King  
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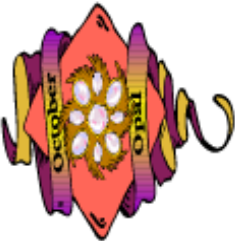


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## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 10/4  | Michael & Cynthia Causbie | Married 40 years |
| 10/6  | John & Carole Silva       | Married 36 years |
| 10/7  | Robert & Susan Riedel     | Married 48 years |
| 10/12 | Thomas & Leslie Shea      | Married 52 years |
| 10/14 | Martin & Brenda Killourie | Married 59 years |
| 10/15 | John & Sarah Pavlenkov    | Married 22 years |
| 10/22 | Scott & Carol Sanborn     | Married 15 years |

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                 | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                                                                                  |
| <b>Worship Service</b><br><i>Sundays at 10:00 AM</i><br><i>In-Person &amp; on YouTube Live</i><br><a href="http://www.youtube.com/@firstchurchcongregationalm1729">www.youtube.com/@firstchurchcongregationalm1729</a> |                      |                                                                                                                                                     |                         | 1        | 2      | 3<br><i>Methuen Day</i>                                                                   |
| <b>4 Communion</b><br><i>Book Drive Ends</i><br>8:30 AM Chancel Choir<br>11:15 AM Fellowship Time<br>11:15 AM Directory Pictures<br>2:00 PM <i>Blessing of the Pets Service</i>                                        | 5<br><br>6:30 PM Finance                                                                                | 6<br>10:00 AM Walking Group<br>(Riverside Park, Methuen)<br><br>4:30 PM Methuen Food<br>Pantry Distribution                                         | 7<br>1:00 PM Prayer Shawl<br><br>6:30 PM Church Board                                                     | 8        | 9      | 10                                                                                        |
| <b>11</b><br><i>Clothing Drive Begins</i><br>8:30 AM Chancel Choir<br><br>11:15 AM Fellowship Time<br>12:00 PM Memorial Service for Marilyn Peck                                                                       | <b>12 Columbus Day</b><br><i>Church/School Closed</i><br><br>6:30 PM Outreach                           | 13<br>10:00 AM Walking Group<br>(Riverside Park, Methuen)<br><br>4:30 PM Methuen Food<br>Pantry Distribution                                        | 14<br>8:00 AM <i>FCC Breakfast with Friends</i><br><br>1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>7:00 PM Diaconate | 15       | 16     | 17<br><br>4:30 - 6:30 PM<br><i>Ham &amp; Bean Dinner</i>                                  |
| <b>18</b><br>8:30 AM Chancel Choir<br>11:15 AM Fellowship Time                                                                                                                                                         | <b>19</b><br><i>Chapel School Picture Day</i><br>1:00 PM Cook for Bread & Roses<br>4:00 PM Chapel Staff | <b>20</b><br><i>Chapel School Picture Day</i><br>10:00 AM Walking Group<br>(Riverside Park, Methuen)<br>4:30 PM Methuen Food<br>Pantry Distribution | <b>21 November</b><br><b>BEACON deadline</b><br><br>1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry                         | 22       | 23     | 24                                                                                        |
| <b>25</b><br>8:30 AM Chancel Choir<br>11:15 AM Fellowship Time<br>11:15 AM MDCC                                                                                                                                        | <b>26</b><br><br>2:00 PM Stewardship                                                                    | <b>27</b><br>10:00 AM Walking Group<br>(Riverside Park, Methuen)<br><br>4:30 PM Methuen Food<br>Pantry Distribution                                 | <b>28</b><br><br>1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry                                                            | 29       | 30     | 31<br> |

Dates and times are subject to change

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