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“GETTING PARSONAL”

Rev. William D. Ingraham



On Christmas mornings, my sister and I, when we were children and even into our teens, would wake up first (usually my sister first, who would come wake me up), and together we would go into our parents’ bedroom. That was the rule. We went *first* to *their* bedroom and waited for them to get ready *before* we went into the living room. It always seemed at the time that Mom and Dad took an eternity to get up and get ready.

Finally, when our parents discerned it was time, we all got up and headed around the corner and down the hall to the living room. My sister and I always led the way, which created the next dramatic pause. Reaching the end of the hall, we weren’t allowed to turn the corner and enter the living room until Dad had turned on all of the lights, including the Christmas tree.

As Dad walked ahead of us and into the living room, he always made the same observation. “Oh, no!” The ear-to-ear grin was evident in his voice. “Santa didn’t come this year!” My sister and I would moan, “Oh, Dad!” He’d laugh and leave us hanging with another elongated pause. Then he’d say, “OK. Come on in!” With that my sister and I ran around the corner. There was always a huge pile of wrapped boxes surrounding the tree. As an adult, aware of what my parents’ two teacher budget afforded us, I marvel to this day what was then Santa’s bounty toward us.

This year, with much ado about projected shortages and communal angst, if not dismay, for thwarted consumerism, I think about my father’s little, annual joke: “Oh, no! Santa didn’t come this year!” And I get it, even share it a little bit. After the struggles and trauma of nearly two pandemic years, it’s disheartening to think our Christmas celebration might be diminished this year. It’s one more thing out of our control. One more disappointment. One more frustration. And while supply chains seem to be opening back up a bit earlier than anticipated, it does seem that, in a few ways at least, each and every thing we want from Santa might not come this year.

Christmas disappointments don’t relate only to the quantity or quality of presents under the tree. (Didn’t I hear there’s a projected tree shortage this year, too?) It also can be emotionally, even spiritually based.

I remember the first family Christmas after my mother died, and the aching sense of her absence as we sat together, opening presents one by one so all could see – Mom’s Christmas rule. I remember a really rough year, personally, and being so filled with worry and concern that I just couldn’t catch the spirit of Christmas no matter what – not in Church on Christmas Eve, not on Christmas morning. And I remember last year, returning home after virtual Christmas Eve (I think there were 8 of us making the service happen), and entering an empty house, realizing that I would be completely alone, with no human contact, for the rest of the holiday.

I believe most of us hold such memories, from various times in our lives. Joy doesn’t always follow the calendar. The “most wonderful time of the year” doesn’t always come at a wonderful time. It can be really hard sometimes.

But there is a constant that abides each and every Christmas morning, and all of the Christmas Eves, and every other day or season of our lives. That is the fact that God, made known to us in Jesus Christ, the babe of Bethlehem’s manger – God constantly reaches out to us. The gifts of heavenly love and compassion are ours each and every day of each and every year. Sometimes we can see them. At other times we cannot. Sometimes we feel it in our hearts. At other times we might not. But regardless of our capacity to see it or to feel it, or even to *believe* in it, God holds us in love and care. Heavenly love accompanies all our days. It holds through our darkest hours and in our brightest moments. It helps us to find our way when we are lost. And over time, it teaches us to trust in God, and to sing God’s praises whatever might come our way.

I’m glad Advent is here, and Christmas fast approaches. I really *need* it this year. And I’m grateful that my place in the world is *here*, with you -- that we get to share the blessings of Christmas together.



See you in church.

~*Bill*



Sunday Worship & Fellowship Times

Sunday Morning Worship



On Sunday mornings, at 10:00 AM, our weekly worship service is in person, for a limited number of parishioners! A registration link will be sent out on in the Tuesday and Friday email blasts, if you would like to attend in person. Or call/email the church office to sign-up to attend.

Worship will continue to be broadcast each Sunday, at 10:00 AM, on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/FirstChurchMethuen) and posted after the service on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLSjhXs9UG8yC89aB8evrA). The service can be viewed at any time on either platform. An Order of Worship will be emailed out each Friday before the service.

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Sunday Fellowship Zoom

Fellowship Time will be held on Sunday mornings, starting at 11:15 AM, over Zoom, following the worship service above. A Zoom link will be provided via the Friday email to access this weekly gathering.

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Breakfast with Bill is Back!

Join Pastor Bill on **Wednesday, December 8th at 8:00 AM**, at Sammy J's, (144 Main Street in Salem, NH) for an informal time of friendship and conversation. And remember, it's dutch treat!



Prayer and Visit Requests



If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer or a visit, please contact Rev. Ingraham at pastor.bill.ingraham@gmail.com or 978-687-1240.

To have someone included on the bulletin prayer list, please let Roberta in the Church Office know at firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com or 978-687-1240.

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IN CASE OF SNOW...

As we enter the snow season, please be advised that on weekdays, if school is cancelled, the church office will not be open. If a blizzard is predicted for a given Sunday, if there are any changes to the time of worship, or worship is cancelled, please check our church web page, www.firstchurchmethuen.com and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/firstchurchmethuen).



Changes to worship will also be noted on Channel **WBZ-TV (Channel 4)**, **WBZ NewsRadio 1030**, **WCVB (Channel 5)**, www.TheBostonChannel.com, **WHDH (Channel 7)** or **The CW (Channel 56)** for cancellation notifications.



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Calendar Updates?



Please help keep the church calendar current. Be sure to let Roberta know of any and all items that should go on the Church calendar. This is the only way the calendar can be kept current and up-to-date. Roberta can be reached at 978-687-1240 or firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



Rejoice and Come Home...

Advent & Christmas 2021 *First Church Congregational*

Methuen, MA

Sunday, November 28th:

10:00 AM – Worship – *1st Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, December 5th:

10:00 AM – Worship – *2nd Sunday of Advent* ~ Communion Sunday

Sunday, December 12th:

10:00 AM – Worship – *3rd Sunday of Advent* ~ Gifts to the Manger

Sunday, December 19th:

10:00 AM – Worship – *4th Sunday of Advent*

Friday, December 24th:

7:00 PM – *Christmas Eve Service*

Saturday, December 25th:

Merry Christmas to All!



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From the Outreach Ministry Team

Supplemental Holiday Food Distribution



This year Christmas falls on Saturday, December 25th. Since Neighbors in Need (NIN) is closed the week after Christmas, they are not providing food for the Tuesday, December 28th Food Pantry. We are asking you to help us provide an additional week of food when we give out our Christmas NIN food distribution on Tuesday, December 21st.

In lieu of the Thanksgiving groceries you usually provide, we are asking you to provide items of your choice from a shopping list which is listed in *Beacon* article titled "Supplemental Holiday Food Distribution." These items can be donated on Sundays, November 28th, and December 5th, 12th and 19th before or after worship and placed in the yellow Neighbors in Need bin in the Parish Hall.

Thanksgiving Dinners

For our 2021 Thanksgiving Dinner distribution on Tuesday, November 23rd, we provided food for 229 families. This year Neighbors in Need (NIN) provided all their Food Pantries, including ours, with food for their Thanksgiving Dinners, along with a \$40.00 gift certificate for them to purchase a turkey, ham, or meat of their choice. Our NIN Food Pantry added a 64 oz. bottle of apple or cranapple juice and an apple pie to what NIN brought us for food.



Our church family and friends of First Church generously donated bottles of juice as well as over \$1,600.00 to purchase juice and pies. An anonymous friend of First Church donation 70 pies to go with those we purchased. Any money we have left will go to the Turkey Basket Fund for next year.

Gifts to the Manger

We are doing Gifts to the Manger the same way we did them last year. They will be delivered to the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood (MAN) Inc. who has about 150 children in their MAN program. We invite you to bring your **unwrapped gifts, for ages 8 to 17**, to a designated box in the Crossroads on Sundays November 28, December 5 and 12 before or after church (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM). There is an article in this *Beacon* with details of all the times available to bring your gifts.



Another way you can help this year is by **adopting a child**. You can contact Lori Bennett and she will send you a child's name and their wish list. Please purchase the items on the list, wrap them, or put them in a Christmas bag, and drop it off at the church on the dates in the *Beacon* article listed above.

MAN would appreciate any wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, and tape you can donate. All the gifts will be delivered to MAN on December 18th in time for MAN parents to wrap the gifts for their children. These children really appreciate what they receive.

The Mitten Tree

The Annual Mitten Tree has long been a popular part of our Christmas celebration at First Church and is a joint effort between the Outreach Ministry Team and the Chapel School. A Christmas tree is placed in the crossroads outside the Church Office where the Chapel children can enjoy watching it be decorated by the mittens, hats and scarves you donate. Please see the December *Beacon* article about the Mitten Tree for dates and times to bring your donations. This year's gifts will be donated to the Methuen Public Schools' Family Resource Center at 10 Ditson Place, Methuen.



Supplemental Holiday Food Distribution

For Neighbors in Need

We need your help! Neighbors in Need (NIN) is always closed the week after Christmas. As a result, there is no food delivered to our NIN Food Pantry that week. This year Christmas falls on Saturday, December 25th, so NIN will not be providing food on Tuesday, December 28th. Our Food Pantry families still need food during this time. Since 2017, our NIN Food Pantry has provided additional food for those families during this period. We do this by providing an additional week of food when we give out the food on Tuesday, December 21st.

In the past, the additional food we gave out came from the food stored in the Parish Hall which we are no longer able to do. For Thanksgiving Dinners this year, we are asking you to provide 180 – 64 oz bottles of apple or cranapple juice and money to purchase apple pies. ***In lieu of the usual Thanksgiving groceries you would usually provide, we are asking you to provide items, your choice, from the following shopping list for the supplemental food distribution on Tuesday, December 21st.***

You may bring your donations on ***Sundays November 28th and December 5th, 12th and 19th*** before or after the worship service (10:00 AM) and place them in the yellow Neighbor's in Need bin in the Parish Hall. ***We will also accept donations on Saturday, December 18th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.*** If you would prefer to donate money instead of shopping, you can mail a check to First Church Congregational, 26 Pleasant Street, Methuen, MA 01844 **or** you can drop it off in an envelope marked ***"Food Pantry"*** at church weekdays (9:00 AM to 2:00 PM) or before or after worship on Sunday mornings. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 19th.**

Shopping List

- **Canned Vegetables** – *Corn, Green Beans, Peas, or Carrots*
- **Canned Beans** – *any variety*
- **Canned Fruit** – *Pineapple, Peaches, Pears, etc.*
- **Canned Soup**
- **Canned Tuna or Chicken**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Macaroni & Cheese**
- **Pasta**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **1 or 2 lb. Bags of Rice**
- **Miscellaneous items:** *i.e. Cake or Cookie Mix, Flour, Sugar, Condiments, 4 - 6 oz Packages of Idahoan Mashed Potatoes, Candy, Maple Syrup, and any other non-perishable treats you wish to donate*



*Thank you from the
First Church Congregational Outreach Team*



Gifts to the Manger



This year's **Gifts to the Manger**, as last year, will be delivered to Methuen Arlington Neighborhood (MAN) Inc. and they will be given to about 150 children in the MAN program. There will be a designated box for your gifts at the Crossroads.

Please bring your unwrapped gift(s), for children between the ages of 8 and 17, to the church on:

- **Sundays 11/29, 12/5 & 12/12, before or after worship (10:00 – 11:00 AM)**
 - **Saturday, December 11th, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM**
 - **Weekdays until 12/15, from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.**

Go to the parking lot door, ring the bell and we will meet you at the door.

MAN will also accept wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, and tape.

Whatever you can help with will be appreciated.

The gifts, and other items, will be delivered on Saturday, December 18th, in time for MAN parents to wrap the gifts for their children. Thank-you in advance for your donations. These kids are wonderful children and really appreciate what they receive.



Adopt a Child

Another way you can help this year is by adopting a child. Contact me and I will send you a child's name and their wish list. Please purchase items on the list, wrap them, or put them in a Christmas bag, and drop it off at the church on the dates listed above.

All gifts will be delivered on December 18th. If you would like someone to shop for you, let me know and Cindy Bateson or I will shop for you.

Blessings,
Lori Bennett



The Annual Mitten Tree

The Annual Mitten Tree has long been a popular part of our Christmas celebration at First Church and is a joint effort between The Outreach Ministry Team and The Chapel School.

Our Mitten Tree will still be placed in the crossroads this year, waiting to be filled with mittens, hats and scarves. The children at Chapel School will see it every day!

But this year will be a little different. Although you cannot come in the building during school hours, you can bring your donations to the parking lot door, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Ring the bell and we will meet you at the door. Donations can also be brought during worship, Sundays at 10:00 AM, and Saturday, December 18th, from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

All donations of hats, scarves and mittens will be given to the Methuen Public Schools Family Resource Center to be distributed to those in need of warm accessories.

We will post pictures, as the tree fills up, on the Chapel School and First Church Facebook pages. We look forward to a tree covered with colorful and warm decorations.



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Please join us for a
Night of Lights
Friday, December 17th, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
First Church Congregational Parking Lot
26 Pleasant Street, Methuen

Cocoa, Christmas Carols and Fellowship
Friends and Family Welcome!

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the
Neighbors in Need Tuesday Night Food Pantry Supplemental Food Drive



Walking Group for Fitness and Fellowship

Tuesdays in December

Please join us on a walk at Raymond J. Martin Riverside Park in Methuen on Tuesday mornings. Good conversation and exercise at your pace. Walk as many loops as you wish (3 loops=1 mile). We will be walking at **10:00 AM** on 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, and 12/28. We will cancel if the weather is too cold or not safe due to ice or snow.



Sunday Walk on the Methuen Rail Trail

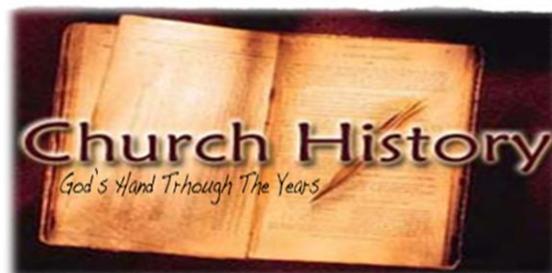
We will not schedule a monthly Sunday walk on the Rail Trail in December due to the busy upcoming holidays. However, the group regulars may decide to walk on any given Sunday so email or call Becky Smith or Cindy Bateson to be added to a contact list if you might be interested.

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A Note from the Historical Committee

During the summer, the Historical Committee met with Tom Gradzewicz, who is associated with Methuen Community TV. He and his wife, Fran, have done previous documentaries of some churches in Methuen and would like to do a documentary of our church. They do the filming, editing, and also provide guidance throughout the project.

If you have church memories, experiences, anecdotes, documents, or artifacts that you would like to share, please contact Leslie Shea or Bobbi Barlow for further information.



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 or Anne Benedix or Carol Gray for more information.

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

Note: Masks are required to enter the building.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

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Original Artwork by Emily Jurovich



The Chapel School

Do you remember Thanksgiving as a child? What memories stir up from your childhood. A recent discussion here at the school prompted tales that had been buried in the back of my brain.

The most recent was going to get the turkey. My Dad and Uncle would put my brother and I in the backseat of the car at what seemed like the middle of the night to pick up the turkey at Raymond's Turkey Farm here in Methuen. It seemed like the middle of the night. I don't think I was old enough to understand daylight savings time yet. We would get there and then have to wait in line for what seemed like forever to actually get inside to the counter to pick up our prized order. My Dad would tell us to behave and be patient. Then off we went back to my extended household to present my grandmother with the big bird.

The days leading up to Thanksgiving were always filled with out of the ordinary activities. Pie making was my favorite. I would watch my mother take flour, water, and Crisco (didn't really know what that was at the time) and create the most delicious pie crust for homemade apple pie and squash pie. My love of cooking had begun as I watched all this culinary expertise happening and I had a front row seat. Memories are gifts to ourselves. They will be remembered always. The best part is we will all continue to make memories as we go through life and pass these traditions on to the next generation.

We celebrated our Thanksgiving tradition here at Chapel once again hopefully beginning memories for all our little ones. They have been full of chatter telling us where they're going and what they like to eat, and not eat. They will experience family traditions and gatherings as they grow too.

We will be displaying our own Festival of Trees in the lobby again this year. We look forward to these family creations and the memories they will have attached to them.

As we count down the days to Christmas, we will all have more stories and traditions to tell and memories to make for the children. Take some time to enjoy these memory making times. Pull out old pictures, take new ones and continue to be great storytellers for your families.

Cindy Mazella
Director



Congratulations to the Chapel School
for taking 1st Place
for "Best Tree Done by Children"
at the 2021 Methuen Festival of Trees!!



Come see the tree at the Festival through December 4th!
www.MethuenFestivalofTrees.com

From the Outreach Ministry Team

Thanksgiving Dinners

On Tuesday Evening, November 23rd, we provided food to 229 families for our Thanksgiving distribution. A special thank you to all our volunteers that have continued to help us provide food for those in need.



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 -- Reliable, Engaging, Able, Caring and Heartfelt support.

Contact Judi Boyko or Pat King for more information.

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Need Financial Help?

If you, or another member of First Church you know, is need of some temporary financial assistance, please contact Rev. Ingraham at pastor.bill.ingraham@gmail.com or 978-687-1240.

Due to the generosity of Thomas Longworth, through his estate plan, there are some funds available for short term financial assistance of our members.

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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 and click the "Ways to Donate" page.

Thank you for your support.



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – December 2021 (Year C)

Wed., Dec. 1

Psalm 90
Isaiah 1:24-31
Luke 11:29-32

Thurs., Dec. 2

Luke 1:68-79
Malachi 3:5-12
Philippians 1:12-18a

Fri., Dec. 3

Luke 1:68-79
Malachi 3:13-18
Philippians 1:18b-26

Sat., Dec. 4

Luke 1:68-79
Malachi 4:1-6
Luke 9:1-6

Sun., Dec. 5

Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Mon., Dec. 6

Psalm 126
Isaiah 40:1-11
Romans 8:22-25

Tues., Dec. 7

Psalm 126
Isaiah 19:18-25
2 Peter 1:2-15

Wed., Dec. 8

Psalm 126
Isaiah 35:3-7
Luke 7:18-30

Thurs., Dec. 9

Isaiah 12:2-6
Amos 6:1-8
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Fri., Dec. 10

Isaiah 12:2-6
Amos 8:4-12
2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Sat., Dec. 11

Isaiah 12:2-6
Amos 9:8-15
Luke 1:57-66

Sun., Dec. 12

Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Mon. Dec. 13

Isaiah 11:1-9
Numbers 16:1-19
Hebrews 13:7-17

Tues., Dec. 14

Isaiah 11:1-9
Numbers 16:20-35
Acts 28:23-31

Wed., Dec. 15

Isaiah 11:1-9
Micah 4:8-13
Luke 7:31-35

Thurs., Dec. 16

Psalm 80:1-7
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 10:10-18

Fri., Dec. 17

Psalm 80:1-7
Isaiah 42:10-18
Hebrews 10:32-39

Sat., Dec. 18

Psalm 80:1-7
Isaiah 66:7-11
Luke 13:31-35

Sun., Dec. 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm
80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Mon., Dec. 20

Psalm 113
Genesis 25:19-28
Colossians 1:15-20

Tues., Dec. 21

Psalm 113
Genesis 30:1-24
Romans 8:18-30

Wed., Dec. 22

Psalm 113
Isaiah 42:14-21
Luke 1:5-25

Thurs., Dec. 23

Luke 1:46b-55
Micah 4:6-8
2 Peter 1:16-21

Fri., Dec. 24

Christmas Eve
Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Sat., Dec. 25

Christmas Day
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Sun., Dec. 26

First Sunday after Christmas
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Mon., Dec. 27

Psalm 148
Proverbs 8:32-36
John 21:19b-24

Tues., Dec. 28

Psalm 148
Isaiah 54:1-13
Revelation 21:1-7

Wed., Dec. 29

Psalm 147:12-20
1 Chronicles 28:1-10
1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Thurs., Dec. 30

Psalm 147:12-20
2 Chronicles 1:7-13
Mark 13:32-37

Fri., Dec. 31

New Year's Eve
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

- 01 Mary Simonian
- 02 Nathaniel Hodgkins
- 03 Emily Carter
- 05 Michelle Wright
- 06 Neil Bateson, Susan Kerr
- 12 Bob Newton
- 14 Jessica McGinn-Napier
- 18 Susan Riedel
- 19 Andrew Pavlenkov
- 23 Maureen Wright
- 26 Allan Barlow



JANUARY BIRTHDAY

- 04 Deborah MaueSprague
- 06 Cathy Gable
- 07 Ella Napier, Janet Towler

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

12/9 Irene & Peter Maggio

Married 44 years

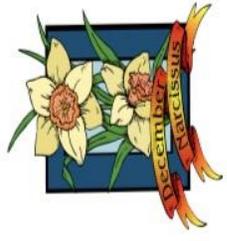
JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

1/6 Robert & Susan Newton

Married 43 years

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service <i>Sundays at 10:00 AM In-Person & on Facebook Live</i> www.facebook.com/firstchurchmethuen			1 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Church Board	2	3	4
5th Advent Sunday Communion 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (Zoom)	6	7 10:00 AM Walking Group (Meet at Riverside Park) 4:00 PM Food Pantry	8 8:00 AM Breakfast with Bill 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Diaconate	9	10	11
12th Advent Sunday Gifts to the Manger 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (Zoom)	13 4:30 PM Chapel Staff 6:30 PM Outreach	14 10:00 AM Walking Group (Meet at Riverside Park) 4:00 PM Food Pantry	15 January 2020 BEACON deadline 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM MDCC	16	17 6:30 - 8:30 PM Night of Lights 	18 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Supplemental Food Donation Drop-Off
19th Advent Sunday 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (Zoom) Supplemental Food Donations Due	20 6:30 PM Stewardship	21 10:00 AM Walking Group (Meet at Riverside Park) 4:00 PM Food Pantry Christmas Distribution	22 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	23 Chapel School Closes at 11:30 AM	24 Christmas Eve Chapel School Closed 7:00 PM Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas 
26 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (Zoom)	27 Chapel School Closed	28 Chapel School Closed 10:00 AM Walking Group (Meet at Riverside Park) 4:00 PM Food Pantry Supplemental Food Distribution	29 Chapel School Closed 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	30 Chapel School Closed	31 Chapel School Closed 	

Dates and times are subject to change

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