

Welcome Sunday
Sunday, September 18th
Worship at 10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 2022



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First Church Congregational

United Church of Christ

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“GETTING PARSONAL”

Rev. William D. Ingraham

It's time to come back to church. We put this message out each fall, inviting First Church Congregational members and friends to return to the church for weekly worship and fellowship. We've been away for all the usual summer reasons: day trips and vacations, out-of-town guests, a break from our usual routines and all of the projects and activities we squeeze into the few nice weeks of summer that life in New England affords us. But the fall is here, school has started back, and our regular routines are falling back into place. It's time to come back to church.

First Church Congregational needs you. We really do! I always get a chuckle when I say, “we save a seat for you every Sunday,” but it's true! Our sanctuary has plenty of room. You will always find a place among us. You are important and your presence in worship matters. When you are here to sing and pray with us, we all have a richer worship experience. Your faith and perspectives enrich us all. Also, we covet the chance to catch-up with you and share friendship, love and care. And honestly, we need the skills you have to offer, and your perspectives and insights, too. We would like to have a chance to hold and carry your joys and concerns, and share ours with you, too. First Church

Congregational is a community. When anyone is not here, their absence is palpable. We need you, and everyone, so much!

You need First Church Congregational. At least, I think you do! Put another way, the experience of being present as an active part of our church family can be a rich blessing for you. Seated in the sanctuary, God's still, small voice often breaks into our hearts and inspires our minds. Sharing the experience with people of different ages, backgrounds, situations and perspectives helps to stretch our understanding and keeps our faith vital. This happens whenever we gather in Christ's name, which our church has done here for centuries. But so much more happens when we're at the church. We greet one another, getting to know each other and care about what's happening in our lives. When we're here we find a place of welcome, a family of choice, and an intentional community to which we belong. Whether it's over a cup of coffee in Parish Hall, standing around in the crossroads, attending a meeting or choir rehearsal, or chatting in the parking lot long after everybody else has gone home, the time we share together at church is a gift and a blessing. That's something we all need.

God needs us, and so does the city of Methuen. Our congregation has played a central role in our community since 1729, and even before. God has used us to meet real needs in Methuen and beyond, and we are still needed today. We create a safe place for adults and children to worship, to learn and to grow, to laugh, love, cry and play, to find healing and to learn to be a blessing. We provide food for the hungry, and help youth and children begin their school year with a sense of dignity and pride with new backpacks, clothes, shoes and school supplies. We provide families a safe place for their children to begin their education. We promote mental and emotional health, work to combat substance abuse disorder and to help people find the support they need to live a healthy and balanced life. We talk honestly about suicide and offer support and help in hopes of preventing it. There is so much more that we have done, are doing now, and will be doing this year and into the future. God uses us to accomplish good in our community. The City of Methuen counts on us in many ways. We are needed! You are needed.

First Church Congregational of Methuen is a special place. I am grateful to share in your life and ministry. I hope you feel the same way.

Please come back to church. Join us as we live our mission together:

Seeking God, caring for each other, and improving our community.

See you in church!

- Bill



Welcome to our new Minister of Music



Emile “Mike” Boutin, Jr, EdD, is delighted to be assuming the role of Minister of Music here at First Church, beginning Sept 11th. Mike lives in Everett with his partner, Rich, and their cat, Pitou. He works full time as Asst Dean for Faculty and Student Success in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Charlestown, MA where his work focuses on study skills, time management, stress and wellbeing, teamwork, and development of soft skills. Mike is also a certified Executive Coach and has a coaching practice with Academic Impressions.

Mike holds a BA from Tufts University in music, an MDiv from St. John Seminary, an MA in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame, a DMin ABD from Catholic University, and a Doctorate in Education with a focus in Organizational Leadership from Northeastern University.

Mike has served in churches throughout New England, including most recently at First Church Somerville and Sacred Heart in Cambridge. He is passionate about the role of music in worship, and how good music can move hearts to pray, and inspire congregations to deeper faith and service. He looks forward to learning about this congregation, to working with and growing the choir, and to exploring new ways to make music at First Church.

Mike says: *“I am grateful to Pastor Bill and this congregation for the call to serve here. I look forward to meeting you, to hearing from you what you like and want in your music program. I am eager to work with you, and to pray with you in worship and song.”*

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Breakfast with Bill

Join Pastor Bill for **“Breakfast with Bill”** – an informal time for friendship and conversation on any topic. We will gather on **Wednesday, September 14th at 8:00 AM**, at Sammy J’s, 144 Main Street, Salem, NH. And remember, it’s dutch treat!



Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

We hope you will join us!



For those who cannot attend in person, worship will continue to be broadcast each Sunday, at 10:00 AM, on Facebook Live ([facebook.com/FirstChurchMethuen](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchMethuen)).

It will also be posted following the worship service on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLSjhXs9UG8yC89aB8evrA).

The service can be viewed at any time on either platform.

**On Sunday, August 7th,
we welcomed back Pastor Bill
from his Summer sabbatical!!**



Come back to worship and join the fun!

Welcome Sunday

Sunday, September 18th

Worship at 10:00 AM

Followed by a Cookout, Ice Cream Truck, Games & More!

Bring a salad or dessert to share.

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The Church Office Updated Hours



Starting Wednesday, September 7th, the First Church & Chapel School Office will be open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM. Pastor Bill will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings. Roberta and Pastor Bill continue to check emails and phone messages regularly.

If after office hours, do not hesitate to use the answering service to leave a message. They send your message via email to the Church Office & Pastor; and will help locate Rev. Ingraham if there is a pastoral emergency.

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Prayer and Visit Requests

If you, or someone you know, is 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. No request is too big or too small!



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM...

The Stewardship Team recently met to begin making plans for our 2022 pledge campaign. We had enthusiastic discussions on theme, speakers, new photos for the campaign materials and hosting a luncheon at the conclusion of the campaign.

We decided on a theme of **“FORWARD TOGETHER.”**

We will focus on moving forward joyfully, gratefully and faithfully after more than two years of Covid-19 distancing and trying to find a new normal. These themes will be presented during the worship services on Sundays, October 23rd, October 30th and November 6th. Following worship on November 6th, we will once again hold a Stewardship Luncheon to celebrate being together and moving forward.

As we look forward to being together again for **Welcome Sunday**, we hope you will begin to consider how you can join in to support our church and our mission of *“Seeking God, Caring for Each Other, and Improving Our Community.”*

Stewardship Ministry Team:

Kathy Romano – Chairperson

Rev. Bill Ingraham, Irene Maggio, Ken Peck, Marilyn Peck, Robyn Sliney and Kim Valcourt

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From the Outreach Ministry Team

Lazarus House Ministries'

HIKE for
HOPE
23rd Annual
5K WALK/RUN
Sunday, September 25, 2022

Lazarus House has returned to an in-person Hike for Hope for its 23rd year! You can support our **“First Church Methuen”** team by registering to walk, donating to our team and/or bringing food for Lazarus House’s food drive.

The Hike for Hope is September 25, at the Park on Bartlett Street in Andover. The check-in time starts at 11:30 am and the walk kicks-off at 1:00 PM. The registration fee is \$30.00 and includes a Hike for Hope t-shirt.

A team has been created for First Church called (**“First Church Methuen”**), for anybody who would like to join. Below is the link to join our team. The **link** to join and register is: <https://p2p.onecause.com/hike2022/accept?challenger=rebecca-smith-3&team=first-church-methuen-3>

You can register for the Hike for Hope using your email, Facebook, twitter or Google account. Simply click the link that works best for you and fill in the requested information. By using the link above the form should automatically give you the option to join the **“First Church Methuen”** team.

If you are unable to join us on the walk this year, but would still like to make a donation, please use this **link**: <https://p2p.onecause.com/hike2022>. Click the “Make a Donation” button and fill in the information. If you want the donation to be credited to the team, simply type “First Church Methuen” in the “support a participant “ section in the middle of the window.

The money raised from this year’s Hike for Hope will be used to support Lazarus House’s food pantry and soup kitchen as they work to address the needs of the increasing numbers of food-insecure families in our community. The number of people coming to Lazarus House for the basics of food, shelter, and clothing remains staggering. As with many organizations in the Merrimack Valley, Lazarus House saw increases:

- 70% in the number of guests relying on meals from their soup kitchen
- 27% in the number of guests coming to their food pantry

As with many other families over the last 2 ½ years, the pandemic highlighted for Lazarus House the need for a holistic approach in caring for their guests. Their resident families experienced joy and respite from the isolation of poverty by engaging in therapeutic activities like TaeKwonDo, art and music classes, group exercise and family paint nights.

If you have any question about how to register, donate or about the event itself, please contact Becky Smith who set up our team. The Outreach Team thanks everyone who has supported the Hike for Hope the previous 22 years.



CALLING ALL WALKERS!!

Lazarus House Ministries'

HIKE^{for} HOPE

23rd Annual 5K WALK/RUN
Sunday, September 25, 2022
The Park on Bartlett Street in Andover

Come join our **"First Church Methuen"** team for this fun, community-focused event to help Lazarus House raise critical funds to continue to meet the needs of the increasing numbers of their guests who find themselves without meals to eat and food to put on the table for their families.

You can contribute by registering to walk, donating to our team and/or bringing food for their food drive. The donation link is: <https://p2p.onecause.com/hike2022>. **Your support can make a HUGE impact!**

Check-In: 11:30 AM – Registration/Check-in Begins

Time: 1:00 PM – Hike for Hope 5K Walk/Run Kicks Off

T-Shirt: All **registered** participants receive a Hike for Hope T-Shirt

Registration Fee: Registration Fee is \$30.00

Link: <https://p2p.onecause.com/hike2022/accept?challenger=rebecca-smith-3&team=first-church-methune-3>

Food Drive

Help Lazarus House feed and continue to meet the urgent needs of individuals and families struggling with food insecurity by collecting and dropping off non-perishable items at the Hike for Hope 2022 event to help replenish their food supply. Or simply donate \$25.00 towards filling their shelves at the Food Pantry.

The non- perishable items they are collecting are canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, canned tuna/chicken, canned tomato sauce, pasta, rice, macaroni & cheese, and plastic jars of peanut butter.



Walking Group for Fitness and Fellowship

Tuesdays in September

Come enjoy a comfortable walk with church friends along the Merrimack River as we enjoy cooler weather. Walk at your own pace for as many loops around the flat, hot-topped pathway as you would like. There are park benches along the way providing rest when needed. We'll be walking at **10:00 AM** on 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 and 9/27 at the Raymond Martin Park at 971 Riverside Drive in Methuen. We would love to see some new faces!

Sunday Walk on the Methuen Rail Trail

We will resume our monthly scheduled walks on the Rail Trail on **Sunday, 9/11 at 12:00 Noon**. We meet in the back of the MSPCA parking lot where we access the Rail Trail. We usually walk south to the Lawrence/Methuen line and back, approximately 3 miles roundtrip, but walkers can shorten their walk by turning back at the old train station. There is some interesting artwork by town residents along the way, and some pretty views of the Spicket River. Please join us!



Let's Book It!!

"Enjoy watching our bookcase come alive!"

The Outreach Ministry Team, in collaboration with the Tenney Grammar School, will be hosting a month-long book drive which kicks off on **Welcome Sunday, September 18th**.

The Tenney Grammar School has approximately 1,000 K-6 students, with over 50% in low-income status. Tenney is the school for children in the MAN program which FCC has had an outreach commitment for over 10 years. In addition, many teachers purchase books independently throughout the year for their classrooms.

How will the Book Drive work? Each Sunday, September 18th to October 23rd, bring your books to worship (10:00 AM) and place them in the bookcase in the sanctuary. We will also have convenient book donation drop-off times on Saturdays, September 24th and October 1st, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON. *Watch our bookshelves fill with new and gently used (English and Spanish) books.*

Not sure how to get involved, here are some ideas:

- First Church has set up an Amazon Wishlist, follow this link to purchase: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3RS6VJMN45HA?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_3VyJUnhPEAf3O
- You could purchase new books at retailers, such as: Barnes & Noble, Target, Walmart, www.ScholasticBookClub.com (in conjunction with the Chapel School), www.BookBundler.com, etc.
- Check your own bookshelves, visit flea markets or the Nevins Library book sale to donate gently used children's books.
- Requested authors & book series:

Tedd Arnold	Kate DiCamillo	Dav Pilkey
Annie Barrows	Rebecca Elliot	Mary Pope Osborne
Aaron Blabey	Jory John	Tracey West
Katrina Charman	Jeff Kinney	Mo Willems
Beverly Cleary	Lois Lowry	"Who Was ..." Series
Roald Dahl	Eric Litwin	"Who Would Win" Series

Help us fill our bookcase and bring the joy of reading to children's hearts!

The Outreach Ministry Team

Cynthia Causbie (Book Drive Leader), Lori Bennett, Cindy Bateson, Jo-Ann Crosby, Barbara Donaghue, Ken Peck, Marilyn Peck (Outreach Chair), and Becky Smith

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 Anne Benedix or Carol Gray for more information.

We invite you to join us on **Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 PM**,
in the Parlor of First Church Congregational.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

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Original Artwork by Emily Jurovich



The Chapel School

Welcome to the new and improved Chapel School. It has been a very busy Summer!! The renovations are complete in two of the classrooms. New vinyl floors, freshly painted walls complete with an accent wall, new table and chairs, newly painted cabinet doors and new accent rugs. A teacher's dream to be working in such new surroundings. Everything is squeaky clean! I'm so happy with the final look. I walk in and just smile!!

Last September we opened with 29 children. This year we already have reached 70 children and more are expected. It's always amazing to hear that word of mouth and positive referral is still our best advertising. Our afternoon Lunch Bunch program is already off to record numbers too. We also have several early drop-off and late pick-up children.

The staff just completed First Aid and CPR training. Everyone is required to be certified. Our training also included practicing with the AED machine. Professional Development this year included a very informative training on Family Engagement. Parents are important to our work here with the children and we learned how to keep communication with them positive and meaningful.

Masks are optional this year at Chapel. Parents will continue to arrive and dismiss through separate perimeter doors around the building. Two on the High St side of the building and one on the Pleasant St side. This still keeps us all a little safer. The children have adapted well to saying goodbye at the door. Arrival and dismissal are actually quicker and much more organized.

The playground has been raked and fluffed with new sand and is ready for all those little feet! Even the storage shed was cleaned and sorted before the start of school.

Chapel opens its doors this year on Wednesday, September 7th. The parents will be invited into the classrooms on the first day for an hour to meet and greet with the teachers and other parents, drop off paperwork and see the classrooms. Then will be saying goodbyes to the parents and we will continue our day. Let the fun new school year begin!!

Thank You to everyone who has helped pre, post and during this extensive renovation. First Church has such dedicated and caring people that are always there to help Chapel no matter what the task. I am grateful to each and every one of you that has put in countless hours to make Chapel shine. You all hold a special place in my heart.

Cindy Mazella
Director

Chapel Classroom Pictures



Playground ↑



PreK Classroom ↑

↓ Classroom 3

↓ Classroom 2



↓ Classroom 1



Lunch Bunch ↓



MAN Back to School Project

Thank you to all for your help and your gifts of time, treasure and talent for the 12th Annual First Church Congregational Methuen Arlington Neighborhood (MAN, Inc.) Back to School Project. We distributed back to school clothes, New Balance sneakers and backpacks full of grade appropriate school supplies and snack packs to 75 children on Saturday, August 20th. What a tremendous success it was again this year.

A big thank you to New Balance Footwear, Holy Family Hospital, Methuen Order of Mason's John Hancock Lodge, Methuen Exchange Club, Commonwealth Motors, Mayor Perry, City Councilors Eunice Zeigler, Jim McCarty and DJ Beauregard, Carole & John Silva, Jennifer Borislow, Margaret Kurth, Sapna Patel, Julie and Danny Tulley, Former Mayor Bill Manzi, State Representative Frank Moran, The Party Connection and so many others who donated to this year's event.

We would also like to Rev. Bill Ingraham, all First Church volunteers: Becky Smith, Beth Buck, Carole and John Silva, Barbara Donaghue, Charlene Bunting, Cindy Bateson and Josh Ferry; Mayor Perry and the awesome Ice Cream Truck, Councilors McCarty, Beauregard and Ziegler and the Methuen Order of Masons' Sam Drogin, Rich Dooley and Fred Dobson, Tom Arsenault from Senator Diana DiZoglio's office, Ruthie Estes and Linda Soucy from the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood. A special thank you to Allison Heartquist who came and helped the children make and decorate cards to send to our Methuen Fire and Police Departments. This program means so much to our kids and your support means a lot to all of us. Thank you all!!



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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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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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.

JOIN US and make a difference

Ham & Bean Dinner

First Church Congregational

26 Pleasant Street, Methuen

Saturday, October 15th

4:30 to 6:30 PM



Buffet Style Menu

Ham and Baked Beans,

Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Tossed Green Salad, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Brown Bread, Rolls and Butter

Mini Vegan Buffet – Vegan Dogs, Baked Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Potato Salad, Coleslaw

Dessert – Apple Crisp with Whipped Cream

Beverages – Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

Tickets available at the Church Office (978-687-1240) during the week and Sunday mornings, following (10:00 AM) worship.

Adults: \$12 (Advance Purchase) Or \$14 (At Door)

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

Cash or Checks accepted.

A time for great food and fellowship.

6th Annual Walk for Hope

Samaritans of Merrimack Valley

October 22, 2022

Willows Professional Park
(811 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA)

Now more than ever, the Samaritans need our help to continue to provide trainings, community awareness events and support services for loss survivors and attempt survivors. Due to the national implementation of 988 – Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, their crisis lines are now staffed 24/7/365. Also, COVID-19 continues to have a significant impact on our communities and our help is needed to be able to meet these needs.



Registration: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Speakers: 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Walk: 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

(If you have pre-registered, please arrive by 9:45 a.m.)

Registration Fee: \$30.00

(Children 12 and under do not need to pay and do not get a t-shirt)

**First Church Congregational has a Walk for Hope team.
It is called *First Church Stride Team***

The links and information below enable you to **either register as a walker or to make a donation to the team.**

<https://fsnv.org/walk-for-hope>

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/WalkForHope/team/FirstChurchStrideTeam>

- On the right side of the page, choose to DONATE or JOIN the TEAM to walk
- If walking, first select the number of walkers to be registered (1 to a maximum of 4 per page) by hitting the “ + ” sign
- Then select First Church Stride Team from the drop-down menu that asks you to attribute your support to
- Complete the rest of the information that follows and submit the entry. An acknowledgement will be sent to the registered email. Contact bbdonaghue@comcast.net if you need help registering.
- If you would like to donate, follow the same link, hit the donate button and choose First Church Stride Team from the menu to add the donation to our goal

Thank you for your help and generosity!



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – September 2022 (Year C)

Thurs., Sept. 1

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 15:10-21
Philippians 2:25-30

Fri., Sept. 2

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 16:14–17:4
Colossians 4:7-17

Sat., Sept. 3

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Jeremiah 17:14-27
Matthew 10:34-42

Sun., Sept. 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Mon., Sept. 5

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 18:12-23
1 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Tues., Sept. 6

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 19:1-15
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wed., Sept. 7

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 20:1-18
Luke 18:18-30

Thurs., Sept. 8

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 13:20-27
1 Timothy 1:1-11

Fri., Sept. 9

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 4:1-10
2 Peter 2:1-10a

Sat., Sept. 10

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31
John 10:11-21

Sun., Sept. 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Mon., Sept. 12

Psalm 94
Jeremiah 5:1-17
1 Timothy 1:18-20

Tues., Sept. 13

Psalm 94
Jeremiah 5:18-31
2 Peter 3:8-13

Wed., Sept. 14

Psalm 79:1-9
Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22
Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Thurs., Sept. 15

Psalm 79:1-9
Jeremiah 12:14–13:11
Romans 3:1-8

Fri., Sept. 16

Psalm 79:1-9
Jeremiah 8:1-13
Romans 8:31-39

Sat., Sept. 17

Psalm 74
Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11
Mark 12:41-44

Sun., Sept. 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 8:18–9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Mon., Sept. 19

Psalm 106:40-48
Jeremiah 9:12-26
Acts 4:1-12

Tues., Sept. 20

Psalm 106:40-48
Jeremiah 10:1-16
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Wed., Sept. 21

Psalm 106:40-48
Jeremiah 10:17-25
Luke 20:45–21:4

Thurs., Sept. 22

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Jeremiah 23:9-22
2 Corinthians 8:8-15

Fri., Sept. 23

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Jeremiah 23:23-32
Ephesians 2:1-10

Sat., Sept. 24

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Jeremiah 24:1-10
Luke 9:43b-48

Sun., Sept. 25

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Mon., Sept. 26

Psalm 119:49-56
Jeremiah 32:16-35
Revelation 3:14-22

Tues., Sept. 27

Psalm 119:49-56
Jeremiah 32:36-44
James 5:1-6

Wed., Sept. 28

Psalm 119:49-56
Jeremiah 33:1-13
Matthew 19:16-22

Thurs., Sept. 29

Lamentations 3:19-26
Jeremiah 52:1-11
Revelation 2:8-11

Fri., Sept. 30

Lamentations 3:19-26
Jeremiah 52:12-30
Revelation 2:12-29

Happy Birthday!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Joan Zonfa
09 John Pavlenkov
10 Julianna Buck
12 Kenneth Peck
13 Nancy Drummond
17 Beth Buck
18 Sally Dockham, Kathy Romano
21 Tina Willard
25 Debra Brown
26 Larry Sliney
30 Janet Diver

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

07 Joyce Koop



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/1	Melissa & Justin Hodgkins	Married 5 years
9/3	Jonathan & Stacy Bennett	Married 10 years
9/16	Patrick & Terry Romano	Married 48 years
9/19	Gary & Sally Dockham	Married 23 years
9/25	Michael & Diane Alaimo	Married 40 years
9/30	Charlene & Matthew Bunting	Married 15 years

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/4	Michael & Cynthia Causbie	Married 35 years
10/6	John & Carole Silva	Married 31 years



September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service <i>Sundays at 10:00 AM</i> In-Person & on Facebook Live www.facebook.com/firstchurchmethuen				1 9:00 AM Chapel CPR/1st Aid Training	2	3
4 Communion 11:15 AM Fellowship Time	5 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	6 9:00 AM Chapel Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park, Methuen)	7 Classes Start The Chapel School 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Church Board	8	9	10
11 11:15 AM Fellowship Time	12 6:30 PM Finance 6:30 PM Outreach	13 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park, Methuen)	14 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Diaconate	15	16	17
18 Welcome Sunday Book Drive Begins 11:15 AM Fellowship Time	19	20 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park, Methuen)	21 October BEACON deadline 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 1:00 PM Stewardship 6:30 PM MDCC	22	23	24
25 11:15 AM Fellowship Time 1:00 PM Hike for Hope	26	27 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park, Methuen)	28 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl	29	30	

Dates and times are subject to change

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