

UPCOMING
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- 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Wor-
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- Nov. 6
Heifer Living
Market
- Nov. 13
Mission
Sunday
- Nov. 20 Stew-
ardship and
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- Nov. 27
First Sunday
of Advent

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Greetings from the Pastor



Dear Church Family,
All Saints observance, Stewardship and Thanksgiving are all connected by a thread of faith that runs through our heritage and into our future. On Sunday, Nov. 6 we will be observing All Saints. The actual day is Nov. 1, but we do not normally meet for church worship on Tuesdays (However, we can certainly observe this special day at home in private or family worship).

All Saints is a day commemorating all the saints of the church, known and unknown. It is celebrated on Nov. 1st in most Western churches. During our worship on Nov. 6th, we will name and remember those of our congregation who have passed away since last All Saints Day. We will intertwine this theme with that of using our gifts and abilities to carry on the mission of the church and the spread of the Gospel.

Stewardship includes how we manage, use and share the gifts

and blessings that God has given us. The saints of the past have set an example of faith for us to follow. As we remember their lives of sacrifice and service, we are challenged to pick up the banner of faith and carry it forward.

Thanksgiving is an attitude that pleases God and creates in us a sense of gratitude and spirituality that flows into others and our world. It is hard to please God when we lack a spirit of thanksgiving. Psalm 100:4 says, *“Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”* When we gather for worship, we should enter with an attitude of thanksgiving. When we scatter to serve, we do so with a sense of thanksgiving to God.

The month of Nov. is not just the month to remember the

Saints and to have turkey and stuffing. It is a time of preparation for Advent and the coming of the Christ Child. We can best do this when we adjust our attitudes toward God; and we begin with thanksgiving. St. Paul wrote,

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God” 2 Corinthians 9:11

God will provide for us everything we need in life. We receive all God has for us when we put God first, grow in faith and follow the path of **Thanksgiving!**

May your November be filled with increased faith, new discoveries and a sense of thankfulness for all God has done and will continue to do through his faithful ones.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Mark



Adventure in Thanks/Giving 2011

Keep our roots deep in him (Christ), build your lives on him, and become ever stronger in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:7

We join together in a Stewardship Program which began on Sun., Oct. 23 and continues through Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 20. It is an opportunity to explore the challenge of seeing more clearly our desired relationship with Christ, and then to give ourselves more fully in gratitude. We are participating in a period of prayerful reflection and delineation of our priorities for the Church in

the areas of ministry, mission, and maintenance. On Sun., Oct. 30, we will join in an all church family luncheon, a POTLUCK SALAD event, which will be a time for fun, fellowship and an examination of our church priorities. The Stewardship Committee is excited about this Program and looks forward to your participation.

Because the guiding verses of our stewardship campaign come from the book of Colossians, we are encouraging the congregation to read through the book Colossians during the weeks of our stewardship campaign. Would you commit to read a chapter a week?
Scott Ridlon

Prayer Requests



Please submit your prayer concerns and requests using pew prayer cards at Worship Service Sunday mornings or call the Church Office on weekdays. Confidentiality will be honored at your request..

Please pray for the concerns of the following people:

- Nicolas DeFelice
- Iris Flannery
- Mimi Glennon
- Miriam Goldthwait
- Bill and Carol Goldthwait
- Kathy Greco
- Mark Hartung
- Bernie Huang
- Kim Huang
- Kathi Irwin and Family

- Laura Jackson
- Michael Landry
- Chris Leaman
- Teresa McGovern
- Betsy and John Minott
- Ralph Mondano
- Buddy and Jean Porter
- Nancy Reece
- Linda (Goldthwait) Ryan
- Lela Scheick
- Gail Selian
- Aurora and Loretta Silva
- Barbara Spears

- Rev. Lincoln Smith & family
- Kim Thatcher
- Shirley Urquhart
- Renee & Hugo Vigoroso

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Please be praying for our country's leaders at this time of economic concern.

Also for those hard hit by the earthquake in Turkey.

Christian Learning Center

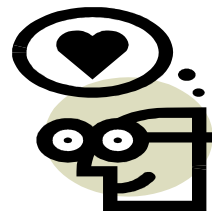
The Spirit Self : Deepening Spiritual Awareness Wednesday, 6:30 Dinner 7:15– 8:30 pm

We are all "spirit:" beings created by God to relate to our Creator and each other. We have within us a deeper self--something more than what is on the surface; we have a longing for God and a longing to connect with an energy that gives life. This series fo-

cuses on the presence of God's Spirit within us and how to connect to the power and grace that gives us life abundant.

November:

- 2 - You can Make a Difference
- 9 - Activating Love, Joy and Happiness
- 16 -Creating a Future:
7 Principles to Live By



Moderator and Executive Committee

The Executive Committee continues to enjoy active meetings.

House Committee has replaced a leaking oil tank in the basement and we have a new stove in the kitchen which was purchased with Memorial Fund Money thanks to that committee.

The Town of Lexington is actively preparing for its 300th

birthday and Fay Backert is a member of that planning committee. Look forward to hearing more from her about these efforts. The Executive Committee members agreed that it would be a missed opportunity if we did not participate in planning the celebration.

The 2012 Budget Committee members are Karen Schuler,

Jane Long and I. We are gearing up for receiving committee budgets, as soon as possible.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact any of us with your questions and thoughts. God Bless!

Sincerely
Carrie Ridlon, Moderator

Church School



CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- October 30 - Regular Church School Classes
- November 6 - Special Guest - Heifer Project International (Heifer Project Sunday)
- November 13 - Regular Church School Classes
- November 20 - Thanksgiving Project
- November 27 - NO Church School

If you are willing to help in the nursery, help with child care during the service occasionally or assist teachers, please let Adrienne Eaton know.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

While the pageant is still a few months away, we are preparing for the pageant! If you've ever wanted to share your favorite Christmas memories or traditions

with the youth of the church, now is the time. We are looking for volunteers to help share their memories so we can incorporate them into a special pageant this year! Please see Nancy Gaw or Adrienne Eaton if you'd like to participate.

HEIFER SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for Heifer Project Sunday - November 6! Church School classes will hear from Heifer Project volunteers, and, of course, the animals will be there after the service.



Stewardship KICK OFF Luncheon - Sun, Oct. 30

Can you help? Len had sent out a detailed message about where you can pitch in. Please call him. Have you signed up? Please call the Church Office and Renée will sign the list for you.

Fall Fellowship Fair Total is now at \$ 4614.28. Thank you to Fay Backert for her loving spirit, energy and organizational skills. It was a profitable and fun-filled day for the church!

Women's Association will meet next on November 16th. Save the date. Details will come

"Thank you everyone for the well wishes, prayers and love being sent my way. I feel all of it and am so grateful for each and every one of you."

Linda (Goldthwait) Ryan Also, **Barbara Spears thanks everyone** for cards and letters after the death of her son, Barry. They meant a lot to her at that difficult time. In Sept. '11

FBCL News and Notes

Barbara had surgery followed by six weeks of rehabilitation and is recovering slowly at her daughter Sandra's in York, ME. You may reach Barbara by mail: c/o Deanna DeVine, 439 S. Main St., Andover, MA 01810.

She was thinking of us all on Fair day. She sent several scarfs along to be sold at Audrey's booth.

Audrey Johnson and Wilda Ward have spoken with Barbara and wanted to thank you and share this information with you.

Crop Walk

The CROP Walk was a great success for walkers this year.

Especially our very own Robbie Cunningham who made it to the 20+ Club for the Concord Crop Walk by raising over \$500 to be put towards hunger relief efforts. Thank you to all who donated to support this cause - as a church, FBCL raised more than \$750 through this walk.

Thank you! Adrienne



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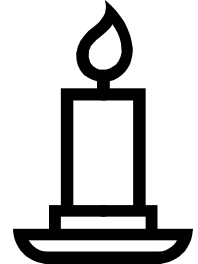
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FBC News and Notes (continued)



Mission Sunday - - November 13

We will have a special speaker from ABC International Ministries. There will be displays of some of the missions we support from around the world.

The Fellowship hour will highlight our many cultural heritages among us. We invite you to participate by bringing a plate of a food such as a snack or light refreshment to share that represents your heritage.

Several members of FBC, attended the TABCOM/New England Mission Conference in September. They were: Pastor Mark, Laura and Alyssa Jackson, John Butler, Maria Haynes, and Scott and Carrie Ridlon. We heard from ABC missionaries to Northern India, Zambia, Lebanon and Brazil. The speakers' messages were powerful, inspiring us to "Go into the world" - with the 'world' meaning 'outside of our building'.

World Mission Offering total was \$663—Thank you all for your participation and generous support

Acolyte Ministry

Did you know that our teenagers and older children can serve their church in worship? Did you know that becoming an acolyte is as easy as going through a quick training session? Did you know that an acolyte helps remind the congregation that the Holy Spirit is present as we worship? If you are interested in serving as an acolyte, please contact Mrs. Fay Backert or Mrs. Paula Virgile or see Pastor Mark.

Watch FBCL Services on the Web!!

Here are the full directions to receive streaming video of our services anywhere in the world. Here is how to do it:

- On your web browser, go to <http://www.lexmedia.org>
- On the menu above, click <Watch us!>
- Click on <Lexmedia Live>.
- Then click on <LPTV Live Streaming>. If you do not get the audio, there is a little speaker symbol to the right and below the picture. Click on the sound coming from the speaker and sound should begin. This does not have to be done more than once. You can watch our recorded services any Sunday at 7am and 2pm. Len Long