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Highlights



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here

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Letter from the Pastor

“November's sky is chill and drear, November's life is red and sear.”

Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)

Peace and greetings to you from the Pastor's Office! I hope this note finds you well in the midst of all the autumn hubbub and activity in our lives. I am writing this to you as the Halloween decorations are being put away and all the trick or treat candy is being divided up in our household. As we come down off of our sugar rush, we turn our attention to November and take a look at several major events occurring at 599 Main Street-along with some reflection on the month just concluded...

***Thank you again to Rev. Gregg Carlson for being our Guest Preacher on Reformation Sunday. Thank you also to our SCUCC Convergence Team for all of their hard work over the past year.** As was mentioned during the service, our congregation has much to be proud of so far: through surveys and conversations we have identified and named the issues facing our congregation, many of us have undertaken training on Mediation and Healthy Church Conversations, we have engaged and advertised with potential mission and rental partners in our area, experimented with new types of worship and spiritual development, and worked hard at creating a healthy and accepting church culture that is welcoming to all.

A reminder that our journey has not concluded. There is still much to be done-but the fact that we have done a great deal of hard work is a good portent of things to come. Stay tuned for more ideas and information from our Convergence experience. **With God's help we can do hard things!**

***Our All Saints' Sunday Service is November 3rd.** During worship we will lift up and remember those members of the wider SCUCC community who have died in the past year. After worship the Deacons invite you to a reception in honor of those individuals and their families in the Foundation Room.



***A reminder that Election Day is November 5th. If you are eligible and have not done so already, please make plans to vote.** Participating in our electoral process and community decision making is one way that we can *Be the Church beyond our walls.* The UCC has excellent resources available at their *Our Faith Our Vote* page.

UCC General Minister and President Karen Georgia Thompson will also be leading an online Election Day Prayer Vigil service starting at 4PM. Links to this time of prayer, scripture and reflection can be found in your weekly e-newsletter or the UCC website.

***And as the leaves fall and the temperatures get chiller, we are reminded that we have so very much to be thankful for in our lives and our church.** In that spirit, the Somers Community Thanksgiving Service is at 3:00 on Sunday, November 24th. Our friends at Congregational Church of Somersville will be the host. All Are Welcome.

God bless.

November Worship Schedule

November 3rd	All Saints' Sunday <i>Communion & Deacon's Fund Sunday</i> <i>Community Reception in Foundation Room after worship</i> A Kingdom Divided: 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29 & Mark 10:42-45
November 10th	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Elijah at Mount Carmel: 1 Kings 18:20-39 & Mark 9:2-4
November 17th	Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Hosea 11:1-9 & Mark 10:13-14
November 24th	Christ the King Sunday Josiah's Reform: 2 Kings 22:1-10, 23:1-3 & Luke 24:30-32

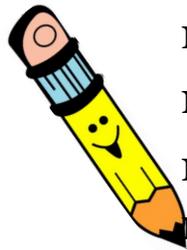


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- Nov. 4 Caring Committee Meeting 3:30 pm
- Nov. 4 Christian Education Meeting—Zoom 7:00 pm
- Nov. 5 Missions Meeting (Offsite) 7:00 pm
- Nov. 6 Fellowship Committee—Zoom 7:00 pm
- Nov. 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- Nov. 10 Facilities Meeting 8:30 am
- Nov. 10 Deacon’s Meeting 11:30 am
- Nov. 11 CMC Meeting 7:00 pm
- Nov. 14 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- Nov. 19 Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- Nov. 21 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- Nov. 24 Loaves and Fishes
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Service –Somerville 3:00 pm
- Nov. 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study –





We Need The Following:

Instant or Box Potatoes
Fruit Snacks
Mac & Cheese
Toilet Paper
Peanut Butter
Children's Juice boxes or pouches

Did you know. . . .

Champ's regularly provides food for approximately 64 families. Donations come in through various local organizations as well as deliveries from Food Share.

HOURS: Mondays 10 am—Noon and 6 pm -7



Card Making with Dorian

Back by popular demand: The Fellowship Committee announces that on Sunday, November 10th from 3-5 pm at SCC, our own Dorian Jones will lead us in making cards that will delight their recipients. (The picture is a sample of past cards.) We will collect \$6 to cover the cost of the materials. Space is limited to 24 participants so make your reservations early. Email or talk to one of the following Fellowship committee members to reserve your space: Sue Moak (sdmoak22@gmail.com.) Carla Smith (carlachristine1261@gmail.com), or Jan Martin (jan.martin13@gmail.com).

Women's Fellowship Vintage Christmas



With thoughts of Christmas before us the Women's Fellowship is seeking donations of nearly new or usable Christmas decorations and items. If you would like to donate any of these items you will not be using in your home this holiday season please leave them in the church office labeled " Women's Fellowship." Kathy Lombard (860-749-0111) may be contacted for further information.

Prayer Shawls

The Caring Committee donated their supply of prayer shawls to the Mission Collection for Evergreen Healthcare this past summer. Therefore we are encouraging any members and friends who enjoy knitting to assist us in replenishing our supply. The directions are easy to follow and any finished shawls may be left in the church office labeled "Prayer Shawl."



Prayer Shawl Instructions

Three (3) skeins "Homespun Lion Brand Yarn" No. 11 or No. 13 Knitting Needles Cut 120 pieces of yarn 14 inches long for fringe on the ends of of the shawl (this is an estimate). Cast on 57 stitches. You may just knit the whole shawl or knit 3 and purl 3. Knit all three skeins of yarn. While knitting you may pray for comfort and healing for the future recipient of your prayer shawl.

A Flick, Food, and Finding Faith



Our movie night for adults is returning to the Foundation Room on Sunday, November 17th from 5-8 pm. We will be viewing the 2003 film *Secondhand Lions*, a comedy-drama film. A shy adolescent boy, Walter (Haley Joel Osment), is taken by his greedy mother (Kyra Sedgwick) to spend the summer with his two eccentric great-uncles, Hub (Robert Duvall) and Garth (Michael Caine) on a farm in Texas in the 1960s. The film teaches what it means to believe in something, as well as to understand the meaning of family. (just under 2 hours)

Pizza, soda and/or water, and dessert will be provided. Reservations will be needed since we must order the pizza for 5:00 to eat while viewing. A \$5 donation is suggested, if possible.

As usual, lively discussion will ensue after our viewing.

Please email one of the Fellowship committee members by November 15th to reserve your spot for this enlightening evening: Sue Moak at sdmoak22@gmail.com, Carla Smith at carlachristine1261@gmail.com, or Jan Martin at jan.martin13@gmail.com.



THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected.
 When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow
 generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the
 words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

 This becomes a plant  _____

 Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds  _____

 The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat  _____

Now he who supplies  to the sower and  for food will also

supply and increase your store of  and will enlarge the  _____

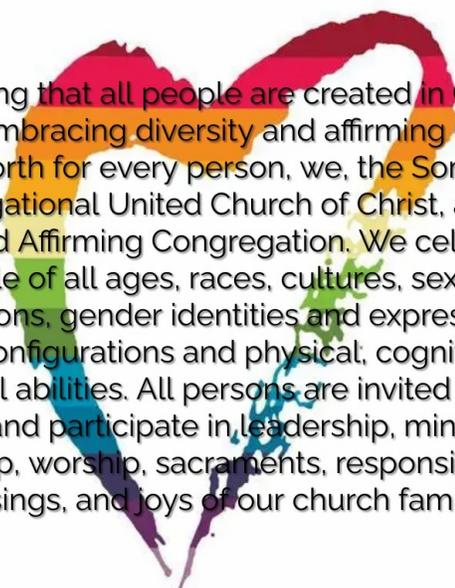
of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

_____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result

 in  _____ to God. *2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV*

Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thankful, giving

Somers Congregational United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Covenant



"Believing that all people are created in God's image, embracing diversity and affirming dignity and worth for every person, we, the Somers Congregational United Church of Christ, are an Open and Affirming Congregation. We celebrate people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, family configurations and physical, cognitive or emotional abilities. All persons are invited to fully share and participate in leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our church family."



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