



The Branchline

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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*A note from
Pastor Chip*



November 2020

Dear Church Family:

A few weeks ago, one of our lectionary readings came from Paul's Letter to the Philippians. In that passage, Paul exhorts his friends at the church in Philippi to "rejoice in the Lord, always," in the midst of the suffering and struggling. Despite the anxiety and uncertainty all around them -- indeed, surely within them -- Paul counsels them to take heart, to let God enter into their hearts. He tells them that the Lord is near to them, available to them, listening to their thoughts and prayers.

Paul knows that it can be difficult -- nearly impossible! -- to think positively in times of trouble. He knows it can be difficult to be loving, compassionate, and kind. He knows it can be difficult to be generous and caring. He knows it can be difficult to even imagine that there is love and care, generosity and goodness in the world when things are not going well.

Paul was well-acquainted with struggle and suffering, spending long stretches of his ministry isolated and incarcerated. He knew how to get through those times when the bad seems to not only outweigh the good, but overcome it. He doesn't offer his words as a panacea that will banish evil or end the struggle -- some pabulum that masks the pain or minimizes the reality of the situation. Rather, Paul gives them a routine and a ritual that has given him -- and which he believes will give his friends -- comfort and courage, hope and faith to persevere through the struggle and confront evil.

Paul lists some things that can remind us of the presence of God and the nearness of God. Even just thinking about these things reminds us that they are possible and they are worth working and

struggling and sacrificing for. With our minds and our hearts set upon mercy and justice, with our hearts full of hope and peace, with our souls confident of the nearness of the presence of God and knowing the peace of God, we can keep our faith and increase our faith, demonstrating to others, through our commitment and our convictions, the new life we are invited to live with Christ, and the new world we are called to build with the Holy Spirit.

Surely, we may need to think harder now than we have in the past. We may need to pray longer. We may need reassurance and encouragement more often. But deep in our hearts, we can feel the nearness of the Lord, the listening ear and comforting hand of the Lord. We can offer our burdens and our fears and our anxieties and receive not anguish or despair but peace in return.

And we can do the same for others: offering them our comfort and encouragement, inspiring and enlivening their faith and their hope. We can become examples of mercy and justice, grace and peace, to the world, and make it possible for more of our neighbors to know that there is a new life and a new world waiting.

Think about it. Pray about it. Talk about it. The God of peace will be with you, and give you peace that surpasses all understanding.

Blessings,

Chip

A note from Rev. Paul

“It is right to give God thanks and praise!”

It continues to be a wild year, doesn't it? So many things have happened that have caused pain, angst and grief; we do not even know when the end will be in sight. What has become the “norm” is now something that would have been the unimaginable at this time in 2019. And, here we are eight months into the pandemic, as we prepare ourselves for a holiday season that has been like no other.

Our own holiday plans have already been altered. Mark and I usually host Thanksgiving dinner at our house and love to have a large crowd. At church, we had wanted to do a special Thanksgiving worship service this year as well. We won't be able to hold our Christmas pageant this year. Heck, we can't even go caroling unless we have plexi-glass between us and another singer. Will any of us get to see our families at the holidays this year? What kind of thanks have we to offer this year?

As always, it appears that we have some choices to make. As we have a quieter holiday season, perhaps we can choose to take the time to revel in the down time to reflect and pray on what we have been given.

This year, I give thanks to God for many things, including:

- ◆ The privilege to serve God through and with the people of Wilbraham United Church;
- ◆ A loving and patient spouse who supports whatever unexpected path I choose to take, (sometimes with a rubber chicken along for the journey);
- ◆ Chip, Aimee, Eric, Betsy, Mark and Deb who work with us as we challenge each other to rise to the occasion to continue to spread the Gospel message in the greater Wilbraham area (not to mention the world wide web!)
- ◆ Friends who come along for the ride, if you will, when I get excited about how we can do things to help and serve;
- ◆ Those who give ideas and tinker with projects;
- ◆ Our church community for their undying support of our mission works or collecting food, clothing, school supplies, candy, and Thanksgiving meals;
- ◆ Deb who lead us down the path of Facebook Live and livestreaming—and doing so with style, dignity and a sense of humor;
- ◆ People from around the country who now feel as though they are members of Wilbraham United Church;
- ◆ Everyone who has adapted, changed and stretched to allow school to continue in-person, in hybrid mode, and remotely;
- ◆ Staying healthy and employed in two positions I love

Truly, it IS right to give God thanks and praise! I encourage everyone to take some time to pray and reflect this holiday season. Please reach out if you need anything at all.

Peace and love,

Paul



A decorative header featuring golden musical notes on the left and autumn leaves and acorns on the right, set against a warm, bokeh background.

Musical Notes from Mark...

A Thanksgiving Reflection By Mark Jacobson

“The hymn, “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” was written in rural England in the mid-nineteenth century, when the life of the village during the winter depended on the bounty of the autumn harvest. While the first stanza of this hymn rejoices over the harvest, the last three stanzas expound on the reminder this image gives of the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds in Matthew 13. The hymn concludes with a prayer that the final harvest at His Second Coming would happen.”

I’ve been playing this hymn on the Sunday before Thanksgiving for nearly 40 years. Each year, as I sit at the organ to review it for the first time of the season, I have to stop for a minute because I can’t see the music through my tear-filled eyes. A few other hymns zap me like this, but this one in particular gets me every time. They are tears of joy because life is rich and God is good! What a time of year this is! Look at the colors! What music! There’s turkey, sweet potatoes and pie! There are those whom we love; family and friends, and friends who are like family. And somehow, both expected and surprising, the spirit of God seems to press a little closer to the earth as we anticipate our celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ.

But it’s a busy time of year isn’t it? That colorful foliage is going to end up on the front lawn and we’d better start preparing that music. Someone has to shoot the turkey and those pies aren’t going to make and bake themselves. The first stanza of this hymn has a line that says, “All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.” I’m not exactly baling hay and salting cod but I do move the snow blower to the front of the garage and make sure there’s gas for it. I cut back the things in the garden that need to be cut back and dig up and store the tender bulbs. I flush any sediment out of the boiler and I change out the screens for storm doors making sure our winter cocoon is comfortable and energy efficient.



Sometimes I get so focused on the technical minutia and the mechanics that I forget about the “big picture.” As Thanksgiving is the start of the holiday season, (cue: pumpkins, trumpets, purple candles and plywood camels) my alleged mind becomes overwhelmed. I believe I enter a state of near catatonic automatic pilot which is mildly reminiscent of the marauding zombies usually found in our neighborhood this time of year (but not THIS year) extorting Kit-Kats, M&Ms, and Snickers from us.

Amid all this color and richness, the aching muscles from raking, the health hazards of “leftover” Butterfingers (purchased without intent to distribute), amid a whiff of handbell polish and a pile of sticky notes wherein lies the organ tuner’s phone number, amid the details, the details, the details; this hymn, “Come Ye Thankful People Come,” makes its annual appearance in my life and stops me dead in my tracks. It takes my breath away and my heart nearly explodes with gratitude. Once again, I am faced with the humbling realization that I am not equipped with the means to understand the stunning greatness of God.

There’s a pandemic going on and things are very different this year. For me, I guess, absence makes my heart grow fonder. There’s a line from another song that says, “Sometimes you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone...” But it’s not gone. It’s just deferred, postponed for safety’s sake. For love’s sake. This year we’ll open laptops on the Sunday preceding the fourth Thursday of November and join in singing “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.” Though physically distanced, our hearts are joined in joyful, perhaps even tearful thanks. We are all part of this bountiful, good, richly beautiful, crazy, busy creation. So, in our comfy sweatpants, with our favorite coffee mug, seated in our worn-out computer wheely chairs or maybe even on an organ bench; we pause.....and consider the immensity of it all. And for a moment, once again, we are God’s thankful people raising the song of harvest home.

Love,
Mark

OCTOBER 2020 PLEDGE INCOME REPORT

Annual Pledge Income Budget: \$225,000
Pledge receipts through October: \$175,211
We thank you for your gifts.

We are now 43 weeks into the budget year. Pledge Income through October is about \$175,200. When we amortize about \$71,400 of pre-paid pledges, we find that pledge income is about \$23,200 less than expected for the ytd budgeted amount. Adding to this shortfall, at Annual Meeting, we approved budgeted expenditures that exceeded our budgeted income, creating a budget deficit of about \$14,800 that was expected to be defrayed by special fund-raising events. Then, the pandemic struck. We are not only falling seriously behind in pledge income but also not making any progress on the deficit. 2020 donation statements were mailed in October, indicating pledge status through September. As announced during the November 1 service, November 8 and 15 have been designated "Catch Up On Your Pledge Sundays". Please do what you can to support our church programs.

Looking ahead, it now appears that the corona-virus restrictions will extend through the end of the year. As noted last month, the loss or constraint of other income sources is expected to result in a deficit. We realize that this is a difficult time for many people, but have to continue to ask "What can you do to help solve the deficit?"

While we miss being together, the response to the worship events planned and so beautifully presented by Pastor Chip, Reverend Paul, Mark and Deb has been wonderful, as has the generosity of people to the outreach programs at WUC. We have much to celebrate.

November is Stewardship Month. An all-church mailing will be going out November 9. As you consider your 2021 pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Again, thank you for your gifts.

Your Finance Commission



STOCK AND IRA DONATIONS

We are entering the season of gifting and Stewardship. Each year, many taxpayers make significant donations to their churches and other favorite charities that qualify for charitable deductions at tax time.

Donating Stock:

One option is to donate stock owned for more than a year that has risen in value. This enables the donor to deduct the stock's fair market value and avoid paying a capital-gains tax on the appreciated value. If you wish to donate stock, Joseph Stiefel can tell you how to do so.

Donating from a Traditional IRA:

The IRS has usually required taxpayers age 70 1/2 or older who have Traditional IRAs to take an annual distribution that is taxed at earned income rates. The IRS allows these same taxpayers to transfer as much as \$100,000 a year from an IRA to charity without having to include any of that transfer as income. To qualify, the transfer must be made **directly** from the IRA to charity. In our case, the investment firm holding the IRA would write a check to Wilbraham United Church. This is called a "qualified charitable distribution", or "QCD". In most years, the transfer counts toward the taxpayers required minimum distribution. Due to the pandemic, there is no distribution required in 2020, but the benefit of not having the transfer count as income still exists. For more details on IRA distributions, IRS Publication 590-B is available and your investment firm can tell you what they require for the transfer.

Your Finance and Stewardship Commissions





SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

South End Middle School

36 Margaret Street
Springfield, MA 01105
(413) 750-2442

Wilbraham United Church
500 Main Street
Wilbraham, MA 01095

Dear All,

On behalf of Ms. Kristen Hughes, Principal of Milton Bradley Elementary School, and myself, I wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks for making our school communities the beneficiaries of the Wilbraham United Church “Back to School Supplies” raising efforts in August.

As I visited your church parking lot on the Saturday of the event, I was overwhelmed by the efforts and generosity of spirit of your volunteers, your church community, and the good people of Wilbraham. Reverend Paul Nesbit certainly went above and beyond to ensure a successful drive.

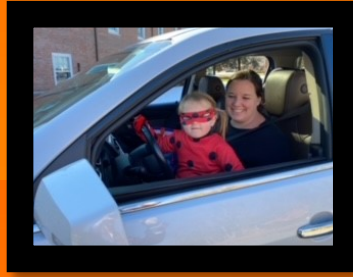
Your donations enabled us to give each student at South End Middle School and Milton Bradley Elementary School good beginnings to this, a most difficult and trying school year.

On behalf of the children, families, and teachers in the South End of Springfield, once again, thank you all.

Yours truly,

Cheryl L. DeSpirt
Principal



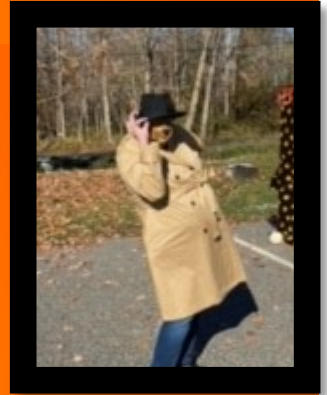


Trunk or Treat was a
Huge success!
Thank you to all
who helped!



Thank you to everyone who
donated food for the
Community Survival Center





Trunk or Treat

Bedtime Bible Stories



Tuesdays at
7:15 p.m.
Join Wilber
the Chicken
and Rev. Paul on
Facebook LIVE!

Our Bedtime Bible Stories will coordinate with our Church School Classes each week. Be sure to "like" Wilbraham United Church on Facebook.

Outreach



Are you looking for another way to serve your church, God, and community?

Consider supporting Loaves and Fishes!

Every third Thursday of the month at 11 am

volunteers from this worthwhile ministry gather to deliver dinners and desserts to the South Congregational Church in Spfld. Stuart Johnsen makes casseroles while additional volunteers make cakes and transport the food. In usual circumstances, the food is served by members of this mission to those in the community who are underserved and unhoused. Currently due to the Coronavirus pandemic, our volunteers are not serving the food.

If you are interested in baking casseroles or in a larger role in Loaves and Fishes, please contact Stuart Johnsen.

Please contact Judy Hoffman if you are interested in baking or Nancy Peck to assist with transporting food. If you are interested in making a donation, please send to WUC with Loaves and Fishes on the envelope.



Judy - Email: imjrhoffman@hotmail.com,

Phone: 413-596-8353

Nancy - Phone: 413-596-6952

Outreach News



Thankyou to everyone who participated in the annual St. Cecelia's dinner fundraiser. The Knights of Columbus raised

\$6,144

To benefit the Community Survival Center

Collection for Neighbors in Need so far is \$315

It is not too late to make a contribution!



HEIFER
INTERNATIONAL

*Ending Hunger,
Caring for the Earth*

Outreach will be sponsoring a Heifer International Marketplace again this year with more details to come in the December Branchline



Outreach News

Looking for a way to support our Outreach Missions?

Please consider donating to any of our current missions:

- Parish Assistance
- Loaves and Fishes
 - Open Pantry
- Community Survival Center
 - Emergency Fuel Fund
 - CRUDEM
- Neighbors in Need

Please reach out to a member of Outreach or Aimee Walat if you have any questions.

Can Tab Collection to Benefit Shriner's Hospital & Ronald McDonald House

Please drop off your can tabs during Pastor Chip's outdoor office hours on Wed. and Thurs. between 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



Shriners Hospitals
for Children™



Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are now in the midst of our Thanksgiving Food Drive in cooperation with the Springfield Survival Center. This food drive is to help complete dinner baskets for Thanksgiving.

- five pounds bags of potatoes
- instant potatoes
- gravy mix or jars of turkey gravy
- stuffing for turkeys
- cranberry sauce
- canned vegetables such as beans, corns and peas
- bags of carrots
- butternut squash
- canned pumpkin
- autumnal/thanksgiving paper tablecloths and napkins
- **BIG Y GIFT CARDS FROM OUR PROGRAM ARE ACCEPTED!!**
- Monetary donations are also accepted (we will buy gift cards!)

DROP OFF TIMES

- Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 with Rev. Paul at Rice Fruit Farm
- Wednesday from 11:30-1:30 with Pastor Chip (parking lot)
- Thursday from 11:30-1:30 with Pastor Chip (parking lot)
- Thursday from 6:00-7:00pm with Rev. Paul at Rice Fruit Farm
- Sunday November 8 from 11:00-12:30 (parking lot)
- Sunday November 15 from 11:00-12:30 (parking lot)
- Saturday November 21 from 9:30-Noon (parking lot)



How can I help?

- **Loaves and Fishes– donation of time or money, assist with administration**
- **Buying shopping cards**
- **Participate in our monthly drives**
- **Volunteer at any of our upcoming events (in person or assist from home)**
- **Reach out to a church member by phone, email or the old fashioned way and send a card or a note.**
- **Assist with our weekly meal train**
- **Participate and send in your videos for our group projects**
- **Share your photos and articles with the congregation through the Branchline**
- **Sew masks for the greater community**



Knit, Stitch, Pray

Are you feeling down and disconnected? Please join this new to WUC group for a time of fellowship, praying, and being productive (or not). I have run this group for a few years now, out of my previous church and latterly out of my home. As getting together in person is becoming harder due to the Coronavirus and colder weather, I wondered about starting up a Zoom group. This would be a very relaxed group which I would be happy to facilitate once a week or so. The group would bring knitting, crocheting, sewing projects along to the virtual meeting. We would pray for the recipient of our labors, work on our projects and share our thoughts about our community.

I have been known to teach knitting and would be happy to help a beginner. I have supplies and knitting needles to share. Some of the things that I enjoy working on are prayer shawls, layettes, pillowcases, hats and various other projects for the community or those in need. The remit of this group is a bit different from Piecemakers as they focus on quilts for the NICU. Those in this group are also welcome to work on their projects too. My availability right now is Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri afternoons, Saturday all day and Sunday afternoons. Please email me if you are interested or text me. It would be great to get to know each other and work on our projects at the same time.

Karen Gatchell 413-237-1598 gatchell@charter.net





November Birthdays



Marilyn Heiney

Nov 15

Millie Carew

Nov 23

BE THE CHURCH



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Stay Home. Social Distance. Wash Your Hands.
Check on the Elderly. Live Stream Worship.
Give electronically. Support each other.
Love God. Flatten the curve. Pray Daily.
So we can all enjoy this life.

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LCSW, Philadelphia, PA





**TIME IS
RUNNING
OUT!**

Thanksgiving Video Project

Videos or pictures will need to be submitted by November 6th to be included in the video.

We are going to assemble another all congregation video (similar to the Peace Project video) for Thanksgiving Sunday.

Send in a video of yourselves expressing thanks or what you're thankful for, or a picture of yourselves that is appropriately autumnal, or harvest based (picture with a pumpkin, or out in a pile of leaves). We'll weave those together to be shared with all during our Thanksgiving Sunday service.

The length of your submission should be under 30 seconds. It's a good idea to do a test shot first and then watch it to make sure you've got a good focus and enough sound in your video.

Videos or pictures should be sent to Deb's email: thedebtrimble@gmail.com with the subject line Thanksgiving video.

Please make sure your name(s) are included in the body of your email so we know who to include in the credits.

**What beauty
lies beyond
our windows.**



**Mark and Paul's
backyard**



**Camden, Maine
with the Nelsons**



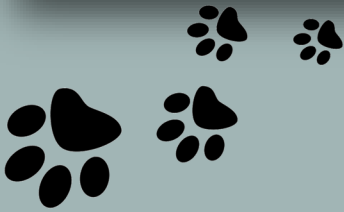
**Outside in
the back lot
at WUC**



Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday October 3rd WUC hosted our annual Blessing of the Animals.

What a beautiful day to bring God's love to all creatures big and small.



So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.
Gen. 1:21

Connections Count!



**Our Governing Board Meeting
(please note the new member)**

**Our church may be “closed”
but our hearts are open. Many
thanks to all of those who
continue to reach out and serve
others in faith and community.**



**Thanksgiving Blessings
to everyone
from
the Hurd-Rush Family**

Catch Up Your Pledge Party

Come on over to the church to "catch up" your 2020 Pledge or to get a head start on your remaining Offering.

**November 8th & 15th
11-12:30**

Want to switch your 2020 pledge to online?

Want to make a one time "catch-up" or special donation online?

Pick up step by step instructions

Stop by to say "Hello"!

We'll also be happy to film a Thanksgiving Video or photo at that time!

This is a Drive thru social event. Please wear masks!



Looking for fun ways to connect with God? Silver Lake Conference Center Upcoming Events



Christmas
AT THE LAKE

*Begin the season of Advent
with a family day at Silver Lake.*

Cider & Cocoa by the Campfire
Christmas Crafts • Advent Reflection
Adventure Program • Lunch & Snacks

\$50/\$40 tiered pricing per person • masks and physical distancing required

in person!
DEC. 5, 2020
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Registration opens
October 15
at www.silverlakeect.org.

 **CAN'T MAKE IT TO CAMP ON DEC. 5?**
Celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas with a Silver Lake
Christmas box! www.silverlakeect.org/Christmas

223 Low Road, Sharon, CT • www.silverlakeect.org • 860-364-5526



The fall is when we shape the program for the next summer. **This year, we are extra busy designing something new that will allow us to safely operate overnight camp in 2021.** And we want to tell you about it!

Rev. Ryan Gackenheimer, our Executive Director, and Jenn Kronholm Clark, Program Director, will host **two Zoom information sessions**: [Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.](#) and [Saturday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m.](#) (click the links to register for free). This is a chance to hear what we've got planned and to ask your questions.

As a special thank you to our 2020 families who either rolled their fees over to 2021 or converted their payments into a donation, we will offer an early registration period beginning Dec. 15. General registration will open Jan. 15. **Summer 2021 is going to be an experience like no other!**

Come for the ropes adventure, the swimming and boating, the campfires and stargazing. Make life-long friends and explore your faith in a safe, supportive environment. **We can't wait to see you back at the Lake!**

[Silver Lake Conference Center](#)

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slcc@sneucc.org



Plan Ahead!



As the holidays approach, please plan ahead for getting your gift cards from the church. This is a huge fundraising opportunity, but unlike years in the past, we will not be carrying extra inventory.

Please keep in mind you may benefit the church by:

1. Going online at shopwithscrip.com to purchase virtual cards to apply to your online shopping order (for example, Amazon)
2. If you are shopping or dining in store, check out the phone app RaiseRight (watch this video! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZNu-ftcPKo&feature=emb_logo)
3. If ordering physical cards, you may either go online at shopwithscrip.com and your order will be held in queue until I place the order on Sunday and you will be contacted for pick up the following Friday

OR

Use our order form and send it through the mail to Connie Stiefel (contact me for my address or consult our church directory) and include a check made out to Wilbraham United Church

Questions? Call or text Connie at 413-949-1057 or email at cdstiefel@gmail.com

Thank you!

Your shopping card ministry team

Connie Stiefel, Lisa Fallon, Wendy O'Rourke, Candy Dearborn, Kathy and Tim Timpson



Gift Card Order Form

Order deadline: / /

Our organization earns with every gift card purchased.

Customer Information

Name _____
 Email _____
 Phone _____

Our Organization's Coordinator

Name: _____ Connie Stiefel
 Email _____ cdstiefel@gmail.com
 Phone _____ 413-949-1057

To order: Fill out this form and return to our organization's coordinator. **Make checks payable to** Wilbraham United Church

	Denomination	Quantity	Total Cost
Amazon.com	\$25		
	\$100		
Barnes and Noble	\$10		
	\$25		
	\$100		
Bath & Body Works	\$10		
	\$25		
Best Buy	\$25		
	\$100		
	\$250		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10		
	\$25		
Chili's Grill & Bar	\$25		
	\$50		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$10		
	\$25		
Delta Air Lines	\$250		
	\$1,000		
Disney	\$25		
	\$100		
	\$1,000		
Domino's	\$10		
	\$25		
Home Depot	\$25		
	\$100		
	\$500		
	\$1,000		
Hotels.com	\$100		
	\$250		
Kohl's	\$25		
	\$100		
Macy's	\$25		
	100		
Nordstrom	\$25		
	\$100		
Old Navy / Gap / Banana Republic	\$25		
	\$100		

	Denomination	Quantity	Total Cost
Panera Bread	\$10		
	\$25		
	\$50		
Southwest Airlines	\$250		
Starbucks	\$10		
	\$25		
	\$50		
Subway Restaurants	\$10		
	\$50		
Target	\$10		
	\$25		
	\$50		
	\$100		
	\$250		
TJ Maxx / Marshall's / Home Goods / Sierra Trading Post	\$25		
	\$100		
Ulta Beauty	\$25		
Visa	\$50		
	\$100		
	\$250		
Walmart	\$25		
	\$50		
	\$100		
	\$250		
	\$500		
Visit ShopWithScrip.com to see all 750+ brands and available denominations. Then, add to your order below.			
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Wilber's Fabulous Fall Adventures



What a beautiful day...
Canoe believe it?

Now I see why it's called Fall...



Just doing some recruiting for my Rock Band!





The Thrift Shop
At Wilbraham United Church

Our Thrift Shop continues to be closed and is not accepting donations until further notice.

We are always thinking of you and are so thankful for all of your support.

We look forward to when we can be together again.

Donna and Nancy

Do you love reading the Branchline?

Would you, a family member or friend like to receive this newsletter by mail? If so, please contact admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org or call Aimee Walat at 413-596-2511 ext. 100.

We would be happy to send along a copy of the Branchline and share all the great happenings here at Wilbraham United Church!



I had a
“Souper”
Spooky time
at Trunk or
Treat!



Coming up in December's Branchline...

- Christmas preparations!
- Pictures of our amazing congregation
- Riveting news articles
- Adorable clip art
- And more Wilber sightings!



Southern New England Conference

United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Daily Lectionary Scripture References -November 2020 (Year A)

Sun., Nov. 1

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Mon., Nov. 2

Psalm 128
Joshua 4:1-24
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Tues., Nov. 3

Psalm 128
Joshua 6:1-16, 20
Acts 13:1-12

Wed., Nov. 4

Psalm 128
Joshua 10:12-14
Matthew 15:1-9

Thurs., Nov. 5

Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 5:10-12
Revelation 8:6—9:12

Fri., Nov. 6

Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 8:30-35
Revelation 9:13-21

Sat., Nov. 7

Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 20:1-9
Matthew 24:1-14

Sun., Nov. 8

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Mon., Nov. 9

Psalm 78
Joshua 24:25-33
1 Corinthians 14:20-25

Tues., Nov. 10

Psalm 78
Nehemiah 8:1-12
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Wed., Nov. 11

Psalm 78
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Matthew 24:29-35

Thurs., Nov. 12

Psalm 123
Judges 2:6-15
Revelation 16:1-7

Fri., Nov. 13

Psalm 123
Judges 2:16-23
Revelation 16:8-21

Sat., Nov. 14

Psalm 123
Judges 5:1-12
Matthew 12:43-45

Sun., Nov. 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Mon., Nov. 16

Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Judges 4:8-24
Romans 2:1-11

Tues., Nov. 17

Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Exodus 2:1-10
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Wed., Nov. 18

Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Esther 7:1-10
Matthew 24:45-51

Thurs., Nov. 19

Psalm 100
Genesis 48:15-22
Revelation 14:1-11

Fri., Nov. 20

Psalm 100
Isaiah 40:1-11
Revelation 22:1-9

Sat., Nov. 21

Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:25-31
Matthew 12:46-50

Sun., Nov. 22

Reign of Christ
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Mon., Nov. 23

Psalm 28
Numbers 27:15-23
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Tues., Nov. 24

Psalm 28
Zechariah 11:4-17
Revelation 19:1-9

Wed., Nov. 25

Psalm 28
Jeremiah 31:10-14
John 5:19-40

Thurs., Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Day
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Zechariah 13:1-9
Revelation 14:6-13 or
Deut 8:7-18 and Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

Fri., Nov. 27

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Zechariah 14:1-9
1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

Sat., Nov. 28

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Micah 2:1-13
Matthew 24:15-31

Sun., Nov. 29

First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Mon., Nov. 30

Psalm 79
Micah 4:1-5
Revelation 15:1-8

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1 8:45am - Church 10am - Worship-FB	2	3 3:30pm - Afternoon 7:15pm - Bedtime	4 11:30am - Outdoor 7pm - Technology 7:15pm - Evening	5 11:30am - Outdoor 6pm - Ice Cream and	6 9:30am - Closed	7 9:30am - Closed
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